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City works on 2006-07 budget

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Funds for a new police car, a fire truck and more Christmas lights have been pared from the City of Grayling's budget which officials will be working on over the next month.

Grayling City Manager Allen Lowe presented the budget for the city's next fiscal year, which begins on June 1, to the city council last week.

Lowe has cut several planned expenditures to balance the \$3.5 million budget to deal with increased personnel costs and projects and to earmark funds for projects that officials have committed to.

"Anything that was new spending, I took out," Lowe said.

The city council had planned on purchasing a new patrol car for the police department every two years, but due to current economic situation, that \$25,000 has been slashed from the budget. A request to add two full time firemen, at the cost the \$83,000 has also fell to the budget ax. The city currently has two full-time firemen, one, which is supported by city and Grayling Township funds and

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Slime Time



Photos by Dan Sanderson
Grayling High School held its second annual Community Dinner and Open House last week as students displayed their work and demonstrations. Left, Brandon McMahon, a freshmen, helps Erica Umlor, 7, a second grader at the AuSable Primary School, make a slimy solution in John Gatner's biology classroom. Above, Mollie Binert, 7, and Zora Binert, 5, enjoyed the spaghetti dinner served in the high school cafeteria. The dinner raised money for the high school's Save Our Students (S.O.S.) Fund, which provides support for students who go through hardships such as fires, hospital stays and major illness.

School election results

A former Grayling High School administrator and an incumbent Crawford AuSable School Board member were elected to serve on the school board Tuesday.

Judith R. Gorski, the former Grayling High School principal, received 636 votes in Tuesday's annual school election, while Carol E. Ramaswamy, the current school board treasurer who has served on the board for 12 years, received 549 votes for the two open four-year seats on school the board.

John "Jack" Pilon, the current school board president, received 450 votes. Challenger Sandra L. Enos rounded out the field with 352 votes cast in her favor.

A school funding proposal, which asked voters to freeze their taxes at 4.2 mills for the next five years, was approved by a 662 yes to 378 no vote.

The district will issue \$1.9 million in bonds to pay for busses, energy conservation projects and school building improvements.

The district has only purchased one bus in the last three years, when six busses should have been added to the fleet.

The district plans to purchase two busses per year for the next six years, allowing general fund dollars to be spent elsewhere and curbing high maintenance costs for aging busses.

Wildfire destroys 6,000 acres; residents evacuated

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Emergency personnel were on guard Sunday and Monday and residents in southwest Crawford County were evacuated from their homes due to a forest fire that damaged about 6,000 acres of federal land.

The fire, which started in Huron-Manistee National Forest Sunday afternoon, had been 90 percent contained by Tuesday morning.

"There is the possibility of some flare ups, but the eminent danger has passed and there are many many fire crews working on it now," Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield said.

About 50 people who live the Eldorado community in South Branch Township were evacuated from their homes Sunday by Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies and Department of Natural Resources (DNR) officers.

The American Red Cross provided shelter and food to the residents at the South Branch Township Hall.

The sheriff's department shut down M-72 between M-18 and F-97, the area where the residents evacuated from and the path the fire was believed to



Photo by Dan Sanderson

The South Branch Township Fire Department and EMS remained on standby Sunday and Monday.

follow due to high winds.

"If the fire came through there, I didn't want anybody in the middle of it, and that was the safest way to go about it," Wakefield said.

The fire never came into Crawford County, but smoke permeated the air and the billowing smoke could be spotted

from miles away.

"You could see the path the fire was coming down and the smoke just covered the sky," said Bonnie Bloom, a South Branch Township resident who along with husband Mel, went to warn people of fire before coming to the township hall.

Ernie Ryan, who has lived in

South Branch Township since 1990, praised the sheriff's deputies for helping them load their pets and oxygen tanks used by his wife, Marylou.

Ryan was also appreciative of American Red Cross for providing food and shelter to residents since it was unclear of when they would be able to

return home or have access to needed medications.

"We're at their mercy," Ryan said "These guys are doing a great job and they're right on the button."

Residents were put up in area motels. Doug Smith, the owner

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I-75 Business Loop Bridge reopened

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Contractors opened the I-75 Business Loop Bridge leading into Grayling to traffic one week earlier than anticipated.

Crews for Slaglar Construction of Wayland wrapped up their main work on the bridge deck on Friday, which allowed the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to discontinue detouring traffic around the community. The detour sent motorists down Four Mile Road, to Military Road, to M-93 to M-72.

MDOT officials told the public that the detour was expected to be in effect from April 10 through Sunday, May 7. The contractors, however, were given a May 1 deadline to complete the majority of the work.

The cooperation of Mother Nature and other factors allowed the work to be completed ahead of schedule.

"There was very little wiggle room, but everything went as good as could be expected," said Jay Gailitis, a MDOT project manager who works in the Grayling Transportation Service

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Trout Opener



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The Lovells Township Historical Society held its fourth annual Trout Opener on Saturday. Above left, Rod Peters of Traverse City, receives his first fly casting lesson from instructor Dave Leonard. Above right, Chris Helm, an internationally known master fly tier, demonstrates some of his tying techniques at the Lovells Township Hall.

Wildfire destroys 6,000 acres

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of the Tin Fish in Roscommon, provided food for the evacuated residents. McDonald's in Grayling provided food for residents and emergency personnel,

and Forest Dunes Golf Course and Country Club donated four cases of bottled water for the residents.

The South Branch Township Fire Department and EMS

remained on standby Sunday and Monday.

"Of course we would have liked to gone in and done what we're trained to do, but it was heartfelt that we were able to

provide safe haven for our residents and help them get through the time when they did not know that was going to happen," said Ernie Windolph, the chief for the South Branch Township Fire and EMS.

The cause of the fire has not been determined, said Kate Salm, spokesperson for the Huron-Pines National Forest Service in Mio.

The fire damaged or destroyed at least eight outbuildings, six cabins and one trailer, Salm said.

South Branch Township resident Russell Funsch, who said his family has a long history fighting local wildfires, was critical of federal and state officials for not throwing more resources at the blaze.

"I don't understand why they didn't put up a plane and dump fire retardant on it," Funsch said. "Don't wait until the fire gets too big and try to fight it."

Salm said that national forest fighters did not ask for assistance initially, but DNR and local fire personnel for Oscoda County were called in to help contain the blaze.

Forest service fire crews from the Midwest had been brought in for assistance, and an incident command unit from Minnesota was brought in to help manage personnel and procure resources.

Salm said forest service firefighter responded to the fire and ordered evacuations within a half an hour of when the fire was detected Sunday.

"We were following our standards to get the fire under control with the maximum amount of safety for the firefighters and the public," Salm said.

Wakefield also protested the federal protocols for handling the fire, and said the DNR and local units would have been dispatched if the fire entered Crawford County.

"When the fire comes here - I don't care whose property it is on - we're going to fight it," he said.

Ironically, local emergency officials completed a planning scenario for a catastrophic wildfire last week.

"That's why we do these yearly exercises, so things go the way that they need to happen," said Larry Akers, the emergency management director for Crawford County.

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Lease agreement nears with chamber

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

City of Grayling and Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce officials are hammering out a legal agreement that will allow the Chamber to continue to make its home in the city park.

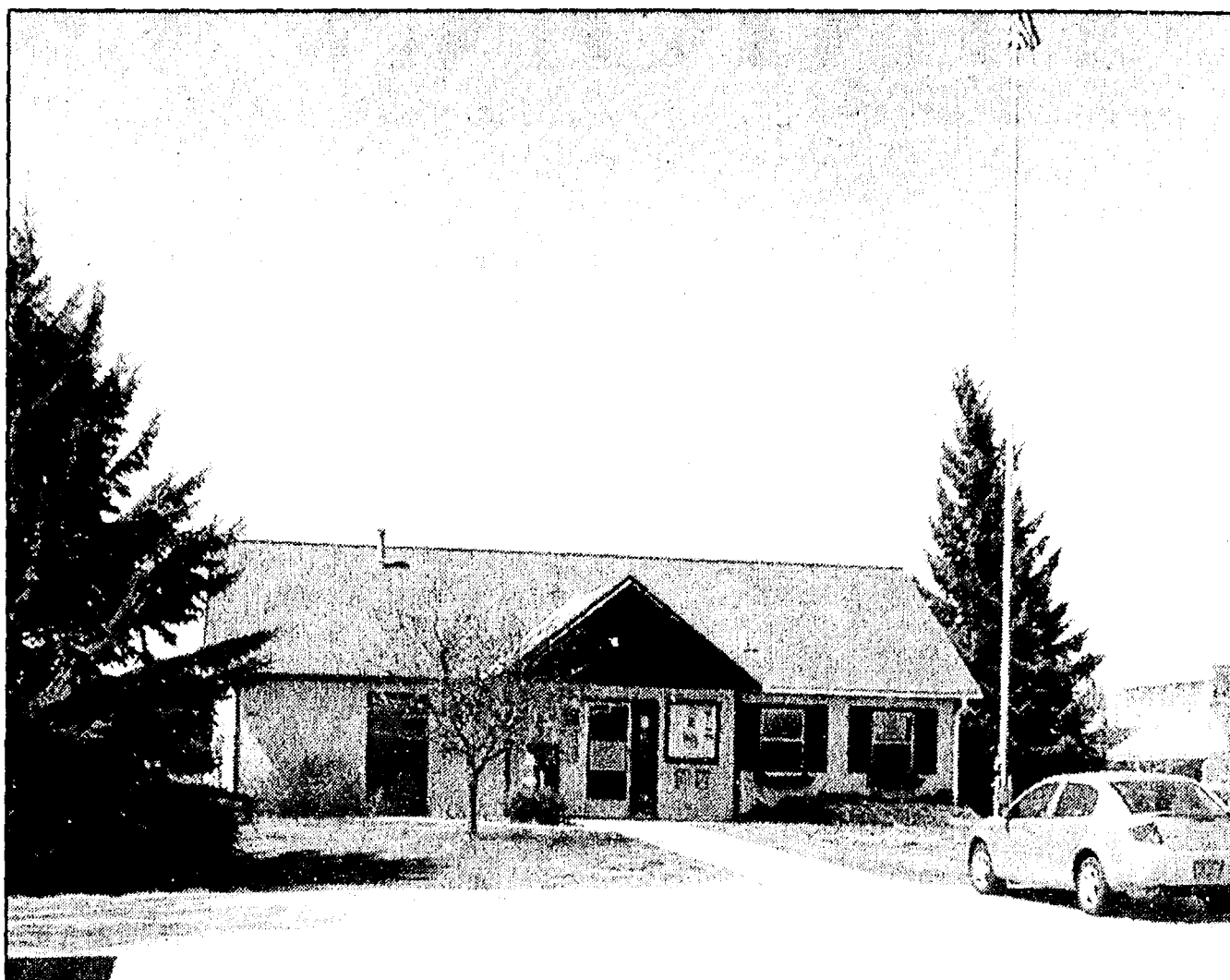
The Grayling City Council at its regular meeting last week directed City Manager Allen Lowe to finalize a lease with the Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber building has been located in the city park since 1984. The building was constructed by the Grayling High School's building trades class and was financed through Crawford County's Economic Development Fund.

The lease agreement between the two parties became an issue last year when the city's insurance carrier made a visit to the city park and noticed the Chamber building on the property.

"The lease was done on a handshake deal and there has never been a formal agreement," Lowe said. "The insurance carrier recommended that the lease be in place so that both parties are covered against potential liability."

Under the terms of the lease, the Chamber will maintain and offer public rest rooms to park users in lieu of rental payments to the city.



The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce building has been located in the city park since 1984.

An indemnification agreement will be negotiated between the city and chamber, which will spell out whose insurance would cover accidents or injuries that occur on the property.

Tim Zigila, president of Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, said the city is covered under insurance contracts for Chamber sponsored events held in the park or by insurance

coverage taken out by for-profit businesses who do business in the park.

Zigila said there would be greater need for an indemnification agreement once the city park is developed, drawing more people to the park and the Chamber. The city received a \$465,000 Michigan Department of Natural Resources recreation grant to help spruce up park.

"By the nature of our business, we invite people to come here," Zigila said.

Chamber officials said they were pleased that a pact will soon be in place.

"This is a good location for us and we're happy we're working on an agreement that will allow us to stay here," Zigila said. "This is a good partnership between the city and Chamber."

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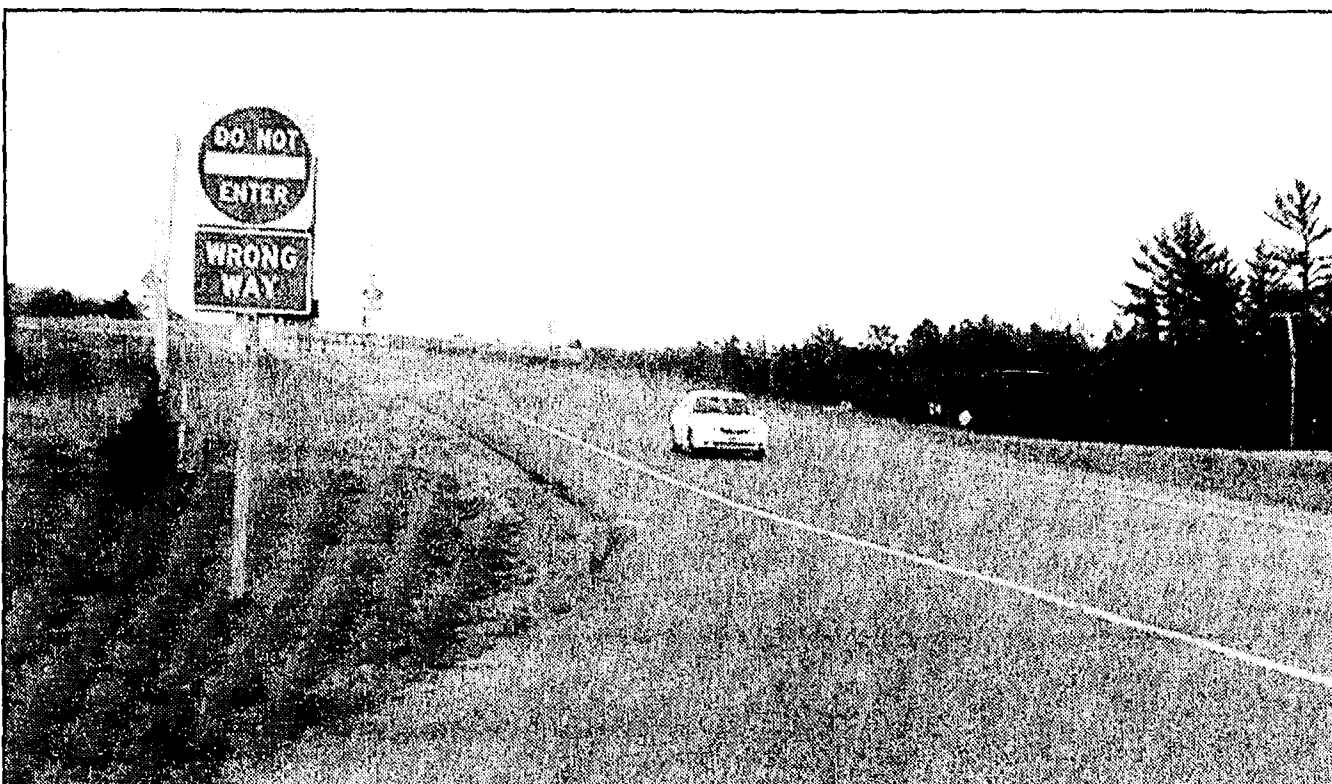
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Center office.

Crews will continue to work underneath the bridge, which may force intermittent lane closures.

Contractors will also be working on the bridge a Four Mile Road and at U.S. 127, which will necessitate lane closures on I-75. All work for the is expected to be completed by June 30.

MDOT officials changed their plans to do the bridge reconstruction work in September 2005 after meeting with Grayling City Council and Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce officials last year. Business owners who protested the scheduling for the project said they still count on senior citizens, families, golfers and people taking color tours for business in September.



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is funded through a federal grant.

An expenditure for \$40,000 budgeted to replace a fire truck has been removed from the budget. A request for \$10,000 to plant shrubs and trees in the city park has been deleted from the budget, along with a \$1,500 request from the city parks and recreation commission to purchase more Christmas lights for the city park.

The city does plan to purchase a new plow truck for the Department of Public Works, at cost of \$100,000 for snow removal.

"If we have one plow truck go down, it's not a complete catastrophe, but if we have two go down, it's a big problem so we're going to replace a plow truck so we can make sure we get the snow off the streets," Lowe said.

One time expenditures for city's water and sewer system including replacement of meters at commercial businesses for \$20,000, rehabilitation of the city water well for \$20,000 and the purchase of computer equipment that will allow for planning and maintenance of the city water and sewer system for \$23,000 are still in the budget.

The city's last payment of \$43,000 from the income tax fund for the storm water retrofit is included in the budget.

The city has also pledged \$60,000 at its match for the streetscapes project which was completed on the south end of

the I-75 Business Loop. Lowe said it is unclear what the funds will go toward since Michigan Department of Transportation and the contractor for the work are squabbling over terms of the contract.

"We don't know how much we have to pay until they sort it out," Lowe said.

Revenues for the budget increased by 1.5 percent in property taxes.

"That was more than eaten up by personnel costs, so the money has to come from other places," he said.

The city council has scheduled a budget work session for 5 p.m. on Monday, May 23.

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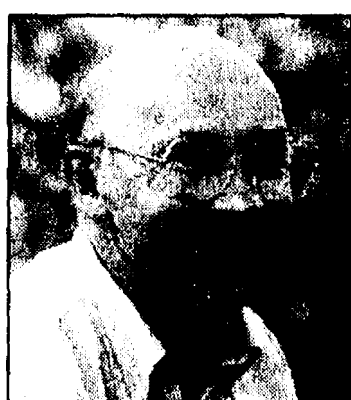
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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard L. Milliman

Excuses on gas prices difficult to swallow

WHAT'S GOING on with the price of gas?

Stories we hear from public officials and leaders are all over the place.

Consumers — millions of us who drive up to the pump every few days to keep our cars on the road — are getting edgier and edgier.

Michigan drivers now pay about \$3 a gallon for gas. That's \$50 or so for every fill-up. We are warned to expect even higher prices this summer, like \$4 or even \$5 per gallon. For an 18-gallon tank riding on empty, \$4 per gallon will mean \$72 to fill it up.

Meanwhile, the big oil companies rack up record profits month after month in the mega-billions of dollars.

For those of us at the gas station with empty tanks on our cars and wallets already stretched thin by a myriad of other personal needs for our dollars, that's hard to take.

The way most of us see it is that the oil companies are getting

rich while we're paying through the nose.

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PUBLIC OFFICIALS, of course, sense taxpayer unrest about the price of gas. Several ideas have been put forward, both in Washington and Lansing.

Some suggestions would help consumers pay for the higher priced gas, such as a \$100 federal income tax rebate to compensate for the gas price hikes, or suspending either the federal or state taxes per gallon of gas to lower the price.

Others would penalize the gas companies, such as a windfall profits tax on big oil companies, or revising tax provisions (loopholes) that save oil companies money one way or another.

Other suggestions center on not using as much gas by driving slower or not using air conditioning, for example. Another would demand stricter mileage standards for new cars. Hybrid cars are all the rage, too, as well as expanding use of corn-based ethanol.

Yet others point toward lessening American dependence on foreign oil and producing more oil at home by drilling offshore and in Alaska and arctic areas, and developing alternate energy sources, such as wind and nuclear power.

While the talk goes on, consumer unrest rises and gas prices go higher.

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CONSUMERS ALSO are told that drivers really don't have it so bad even at \$3 or \$4 or \$5 a gallon.

We are told our gas still is cheap compared with increases in other costs of living over the years or comparing the cost per gallon of gas with the cost of a gallon of milk, or cappuccino, or beer, or perfume, or other consumption items. I find such comparisons interesting but meaningless; we don't buy or consume these comparison items 10 or 15 gallons at a time, as we do gasoline.

We are told to look at other countries and what foreign dri-

vers pay. In Great Britain, for example, gas now averages about \$6.40 per gallon, of which two-thirds goes for federal taxes. That's near the European average price, we are told.

All of these things make sense in some ways, but not a single one is the complete answer.

It boils down to a basic question of supply and demand. High supply leads to lower prices; high demand leads to higher prices. A balance of the two is the lasting answer. Increase supply and reduce demand and the problem is solved.

With 2006 being an election year, all candidates need a position somewhere on energy. We will hear more and more gas-engendered rhetoric as the election nears, but concrete and meaningful actions are less likely this year.

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MEANWHILE, DRIVERS struggle. Many suspect that greed by suppliers, who (they suspect) control and manipulate supplies for their own advantage, is the

leading cause of the trouble. It may be. But one man's greed is another man's opportunity.

A windfall profits tax on record oil earnings has a certain public appeal. Profits taxes would be a penalty and not a solution, but it's hard for taxpayers to find justice in paying soaring gas prices while big oil rakes in billions and billions of record setting profits.

On a more local level, it's also very difficult to believe there's no price-setting by dealers and suppliers when gas prices almost universally follow one another with regularity, either up or down.

When the price changes at the corner station, it also goes up or down at the station down the street, sometimes within minutes. Is that coincidence? Or is it collusion? And how can prices jump and drop so fast and so often, and everyone in unison? That's another of life's mysteries.

All is not lost, however. Gas crises have come and gone for American motorists before.

A decade or so ago when gasoline supplies dried up, drivers lined up for several blocks at any station that had gas. It reminded us of gasoline rationing during World War II.

During another crisis, speed limits on federal highways were lowered from 65 to 55 miles per hour, in a mandated national effort to reduce consumption. When supplies grew, the speed limit was raised, and now it's 70 on most interstate highways.

All of these earlier crises were temporary, but obviously we did not give enough attention to solving the longer range but inevitable basic problems of supply and demand — having enough of one to satisfy the other.

This crisis, too, shall pass. The questions are when and how and more importantly, for how long.

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Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

VIEWPOINT

by Connie L. Dearman, USDA Rural Development

USDA Direct Single Family Housing loans

Crawford County residents in need of a loan to either buy a home or repair their own, have found help from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

USDA Rural Development can make owning a home affordable for low-income home buyers. Our direct loan program allows families and individuals to buy a home with no money down and affordable monthly payments.

To qualify for the program an applicant's adjusted gross income cannot exceed 80 percent of the median income for the county. In Crawford County, a family of four can qualify with an adjusted income of up to \$39,600. The applicant(s) must also demonstrate the ability to repay the loan.

The maximum amount an applicant can borrow in Crawford County is \$148,000. However, other than the maximum cost, there are a few restrictions on what type of home can be purchased. For example, a borrower can choose to purchase

an existing home, a traditionally constructed new home or a manufactured home.

Homeowners with difficulty affording needed repairs may also be able to take advantage of Rural Development programs. Home repair loans are up to \$20,000 and are available with an interest rate of only 1 percent. Grants of up to \$7,500 may also be available for homeowners over the age of 62.

Both home repair loans and grants have maximum income requirements. In Crawford County a household of two can make up to \$19,800. The loan or grant must be for essential repairs such as a new roof, furnace, plumbing or electrical repairs. Connecting your home to a municipal sewer system is another eligible expense.

For information on Rural Development's Direct Single Family Housing loan programs, please call (800) 944-8119 and ask for West Branch or call (989) 345-5470 ext 4.

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WASHINGTON NOTES

by Carl Levin, U.S. Senator (D-Michigan)

All that 'meats' the eye

As consumers, many of us have adopted various practices for recognizing quality. Whether it's the proverbial kicking the tires on a used car, inspecting the stitching on a new piece of clothing or checking to see if the ground beef at the supermarket is still red, our instincts tell us to check for the quality in our purchases. Many times we use the time-honored tradition of relying on our senses — hearing, sight, taste, touch and smell — to alert us to any potential problems.

These highly unscientific, yet dutiful approaches may leave consumers feeling safer, but when it comes to the freshness of meat, our nose is not the best detector. And now, because of new practices allowed by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, neither are our eyes.

Because the age of a meat

seems synonymous with its safety, consumers generally believe redder meats to be fresh. But when any red meat is exposed to air, a natural reaction takes place on the surface of the meat, and over time the color changes from red to brown. However, red meat often begins to turn brown before its expiration date.

The meat packing industry argues that beef is actually safe for upwards of 20 days under refrigeration and much longer if it is frozen. The industry also argues that consumers should rely not on the color of meat, but on the expiration date on the package. To lessen the chances that good beef will be taken off of store shelves due to its natural browning, scientists have found a way to artificially keep meats red indefinitely in sealed packaging.

Carbon monoxide, the same gas that is toxic to humans when inhaled in high concentrations,

also has the effect of turning beef a shade of red mimicking very fresh meat when used in lower doses. Mixing carbon monoxide into the pre-packed, airtight packaging of beef allows it to retain its red color long after the expiration date on the package.

Groups have conducted experiments with treated and untreated packages of beef and compared the two as they aged under refrigeration. Weeks later, after the expiration date had passed, the grocer's meat began to turn brown, while the case-ready carbon monoxide meat was still rosy pink. Even though the beef looked fresh, it was in fact contaminated with E. coli bacterium and salmonella.

The Food and Drug Administration has had longstanding rules against color alteration of meats but in a seeming contradiction, has allowed carbon monoxide treated packaging to move forward. My colleague Senator Debbie Stabenow and I have worked together closely on this issue and asked the Food and Drug Administration for an explanation of this change.

In their response, the FDA said they do not believe that carbon monoxide makes meats any less safe. The FDA claims that adding carbon monoxide to the packaging meets their standard

of "generally recognized as safe," and because carbon monoxide is not a food additive, no further FDA approval is required.

There are currently no requirements for the meat packing industry to label which meats have been packed in carbon monoxide and which have not. As a result, it is especially important for consumers to look for the expiration date printed on all meat package labels and not just at the color of the beef.

Even if the meat is purchased before the expiration date, consumers still need to be aware that beef packaged in carbon monoxide can spoil at home yet still look just fine. If consumers judge the freshness of beef only by its red color without checking the expiration date on the package, they run the risk of making a serious and potentially fatal mistake. You can't judge a book by its cover, and you can't judge beef by its color.

I believe that pre-packaged beef treated with carbon monoxide should be clearly labeled so that consumers know what they are buying.

I will continue to work with the Food and Drug Administration on this matter.

Carl Levin is the senior U.S. senator from Michigan.

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BRIEFS

COA to host caregiver class

The Grayling Senior Center, at 308 Lawndale St., will have Liz Oleskie, from the Alzheimer's Association. The classes will provide support and education to persons who are the primary caregivers to those with Alzheimer's. The class meets every other Wednesday from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m., starting May 10. For information or transportation call Elouise Mize at 348-7123.

VFW Auxiliary Post to hold Poppy Days

The VFW Auxiliary Post #3736, will have its Buddy Poppy Days, on May 5-6, at Glen's Market and Kmart at 9 a.m., and the post office at 8 a.m.

River Preservation Assn. to hold meeting

The AuSable River Preservation Association will hold a board meeting on May 6, at 9 a.m., at the Grayling Township Hall. The meeting is open to the public.

County Republicans to hold dinner

The Crawford County Republican will hold their Annual Lincoln Day Dinner on Saturday, May 20, at the Grayling Country Club, with U.S. Senate Candidates as guest speakers. Social hour will begin at 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. Ticket cost is \$20. RSVP to Carol Raybuck, 989-348-1415, Ralph Krolezyk, 989-348-3024, or Sandra Moore, at 989-348-2154.

High school band day planned

High school band day is planned for May 6, at Glen's Markets and Dianne's Car Wash, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Students will be washing cars and selling hot dogs. A car drive is also taking place. Drop off cars at either car wash location, or leave on your porch. Proceeds will benefit band camp.

American Legion Auxiliary to hold meeting

The American Legion Auxiliary will hold their regular meeting at 7 p.m., on May 9, at the American Legion Hall in Grayling.

ABWA to hold "Taste of Chocolate"

The American Business Women Association will be holding "Taste of Chocolate" on May 5, from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., at Michelson Memorial Church. This fund raiser can get you goodies for Mom and help the Scholarship Fund to further young women's education. Cost is \$5 at the door.

Historical society to meet

The Crawford County Historical Society Board of Director's meeting is Tuesday, May 9, at 7 p.m., at the Grayling City Hall. Meetings are open to the general public.

Color Tour planning committee to meet

The Color Tour Planning committee meeting will be held on Monday, June 5, at 9 a.m., at the Grayling City Hall. The speaker Bob Thatcher, will be available to give updates on train arrival and hear from committee members.

Church hosts all-you-can-eat luncheon

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, on Michigan Avenue, Grayling, will host an all-you-can-eat luncheon of hot casserole, a sandwich, salad, soup and dessert on Thursday, May 4, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person and take-out orders are available. Everyone is welcome.

Church to welcome new pastor

Grayling Baptist Church, on 507 Madsen St., Grayling, invites the community to the Installation Service for their new pastor John Scott, on May 7, at 11 a.m.

American Legion Post to hold elections

The American Legion Post #106 will be holding elections of officers on May 15. The regular meeting is moved to the third Monday of the month.

River Festival Parade fund raiser to be held

On May 9, a fund raiser for the River Festival Parade will be held. One dollar from every pizza sold at Spicy Bob's Italian Express in Grayling will be donated to the parade fund.

Project graduation to hold garage sale

Project graduation will hold their annual garage sale on Saturday, May 6, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Stow n Go storage units on Old 27, just south of Frederic. Non-clothing donations may be dropped off at 7 a.m., that day. For information call Michelle Barber at 348-1772 or Marty Stevenson at 348-4388.

Middle school placement forms available

Placement Information Forms for middle school students are available at Grayling Middle School or Grayling Elementary School. These forms allow parents to provide information to Grayling Middle School as schedules are put together for the upcoming school year. The forms must be returned to the Grayling Middle School Counseling Office on or before Friday, May 12, 2006. Call Joni Motiva, Grayling Middle School Counselor at 344-3560 with any questions or concerns.

MARSP to hold spring conference

Areas 7 and 8 Spring Conference for the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel (MARSP) will be held in Roscommon County on Tuesday, May 23, at the Quality Inn, M-55, Houghton Lake. Registration will be from 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. with the meeting from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Registration of \$20, made payable to MARSP, for a light breakfast and lunch and is due by May 10 to Dave Rowe, 209 West Park Street, Harrison MI 48625. For information call Lowell Kage, at 989-821-5193.

RAFFLE WINNERS

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for April 30 of \$25 each: Joe Belanski and Linda Golinick.

OPS (Take Off Pounds Sensible) # 1496 Raffle

The winners of the raffle held on April 20 were: Shanda Wilcox, 1st prize- handmade quilt; Sheri Mitchell, second prize- handmade asket, and Mary Dashed, third prize- handmade stone lamp.

Fungus among us



Photo by Dan Sanderson

Kristin Condee, 9, a fourth grader at the Calvary Baptist School, picked a basket full of morel mushrooms in Crawford County last Tuesday.

Third annual CASD Alumni Hall of Fame ceremony to be held

The Crawford AuSable School District will host the third annual Alumni Hall of Fame ceremony on May 7, at 2 p.m., in the Joseph H. Stripe Auditorium. The purpose of this program was developed to not only honor graduates who have achieved significant success in their careers but to motivate our students to set goals for their own futures.

At the first Alumni Hall of Fame ceremony in 2004, seventeen former graduates were inducted. In the 2005 ceremony, the school district honored an additional fourteen Grayling High School alumni.

In order to be inducted into our Alumni Hall of Fame, the graduates must achieve one or more of the following: an advanced degree such as a PhD, MD, DO, DDS, OD, JD, a significant life achievement, honor, award or

have made a significant contribution toward improving the lives of others.

"We are proud of our graduates and our goal is to fill the wall at Grayling High School with graduates who are inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame," said Joe Powers, Crawford AuSable School Superintendent.

"Following the awards ceremony, inductees pictures will be added to the beautiful Alumni Hall of Fame display at the high school. We would like to invite you to join us to honor another group of amazing Crawford AuSable graduates."

If you would like to nominate an alumnus for next year, please come to the school board office for an application or check out our Web site at www.casdk12.net Alumni Hall of Fame for further information.

Church to host guest minister

Resurrection Life Fellowship, Grayling, welcomes the ministry team of Rev. Lois Baker and Mrs. Kay Rindahl for the morning worship service at 10:30 a.m., Sunday, May 7.

Rev. Baker, a licensed, ordained minister, is an evangelist from Selma Worship Center, in Selma, Ohio. Having been involved in full time ministry since 1982, she has traveled extensively throughout the U.S., Canada and Europe, as well as Israel and Egypt, sharing

God's Word in churches, seminars, conferences and on radio and TV. She is frequently partnered in ministry with her friend, Kay Rindahl, of Enon, Ohio, and together they are motivated by the desire to bring healing, hope and encouragement to the Body of Christ.

Resurrection Life Fellowship is located at 600 Huron St., in the Milltown Center Building at the corner of M-72 and the I-75 Business Loop, Grayling.

Crawford County Ambassadors for the Mackinac Bridge Labor Day Run still needed

The Governor's Council on Physical Fitness is looking for a few good role models. Eighty-three to be exact-one from every county. One of the most memorable organized runs in Michigan is the Mackinac Bridge Labor Day Run. Only 300 qualifying runners are selected at random to enjoy a sunrise run over the Mighty Mac on Labor Day. Out of those 300 runners, some are chosen to serve as their county's ambassador, agreeing to be a spokesperson for the importance of fitness and healthy lifestyles. Ambassadors are also featured prominently in the event's annual yearbook. However, to date, no one has applied to be an ambassador from Crawford County.

Eligible candidates are anyone who has run in an event endorsed by the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness between the dates of July 1, 2005 and June 30, 2006. A complete list of qualifying events is available at www.michiganfitness.org. The deadline for applicants is June 29, and the lottery will be run on June 30.

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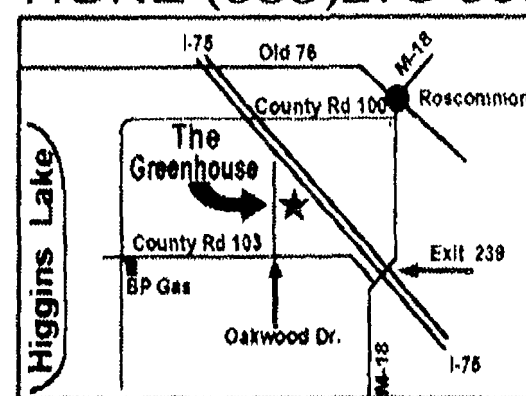
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Photo by Dan Sanderson
Volunteers whipped the Grayling Little League fields into shape for the upcoming season on Saturday. Youth from the Shawano Center raked and helped clean up the fields. Above, local mason Ken MacKinnon and his son, Christopher Phillips, 11, a fifth grader at Grayling Elementary School, built new dug outs at the McIsaac field which replaced older structures which had been torn down.

Music Series, Uptown Live events slated

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A duo of organizations are trying to bring some energy into downtown Grayling this summer.

The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce has announced the dates and performers for the 2006 Grayling Summer Music Series. A new organization called Uptown Live in Downtown Grayling is also planning on having two music and entertainment events in July.

The Grayling Summer Music Series will be held on alternating Thursday nights from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on the lawn of Citizen's Bank from June 22 through August 17.

Brian Ashton, a talented guitar player and vocalist who plays a variety of music, will kick off the Grayling Summer Music Series on June 22.

"Brian has been part of the local music scene for several years and we hope the community will come out for his performance," said Tim Zigila, president of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce.

On Thursday, July 6, a new act for the Grayling Summer Series, Big Rand & Company from Traverse City, will be performing classic rock from the 60's, 70's and 80's.

On Thursday, July 20, the Wise Guys will be coming back to the Summer Music Series for the third straight year. Originally formed as the "High Society Wise Guys" in 1983, the band reunited in 2004 for the inaugural Summer Music Series. This band features the Beckwith and Doremire brothers playing many classic rock and R&B hits as well as blues favorites.

On Thursday, August 3, Catch

& Release, featuring Mike Freer from Roscommon, will play blues classics for the Summer Music audience.

The grand finale for the Summer Music Series will be held on Thursday, August 17, featuring Loose Strings, a folk music band from Gaylord.

People are encouraged to bring their blankets and lawn chairs as they come downtown to enjoy the variety of music. In case of rain, the concerts will be held at an indoor location.

"We hope that people will come out and have dinner at one of our fine local restaurants and then come downtown to listen to and enjoy some music," Zigila said.

The Uptown Live in Downtown Grayling events will be held on Friday, July 7 and Friday, July 21.

The events will feature live

acts, open mike performers and karaoke singers, which are being coordinated by Diane Chamberlin, co-owner of Dharma Music.

Dancing, weight lifting, wrestling and karate demonstrations will also be conducted at the Uptown Live events.

"We're planning to have events for the kids held early-on and things geared for adults held later to bring some excitement back to downtown Grayling," said Crawford County Clerk Sandra Moore, who is the chairwoman of the Uptown Live committee.

Uptown Live, which will also feature food and drink vendors, is being held to raise funds to develop a skate park behind the Grayling City Hall.

Anyone who wants to volunteer or seeks more information about Uptown Live can contact Moore at 348-2154.

Bill tells kids to take it outside

by Derek Wallbank
Capital News Service

Taking a cue from John F. Kennedy's presidential fitness award, Senate Republicans have proposed a program to encourage Michigan residents, particularly women and young people, to take up outdoor activities.

The Michigan Outdoor Fitness Award would be given for hiking, canoeing, hunting, fishing and engaging in other outdoor pastimes, said Bob Wilson, the GOP policy analyst who came up with the idea.

Under the proposal, points would be awarded for completing a specified activity. People who accumulate enough points would receive a certificate.

"We need to get kids off the couch and off the computer to experience the outdoors," said Patricia Birkholz, R-Saugatuck Township, who sponsored the bill.

The bill will be fleshed out over the summer and revised in early fall, Wilson said.

So far, the idea is receiving a warm welcome from Democrats as well.

"We certainly think this is a bill that we can and will support," said Liz Boyd, Gov. Jennifer

Granholm's press secretary. "It promotes the value of the Michigan outdoors experience."

The proposal is also receiving rave reviews from outdoor sporting groups, including the Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC).

"A lot of people don't know if they'd like something until they try it," said Donna Stine, MUCC's director for policy. Stine said the program would likely produce a slight increase in the number of Michigan anglers, hunters and canoeists - especially if it encourages people to try outdoor sports multiple times. "Incentives appear to work," Stine said. "You're not going to become an avid kayaker after one trip."

Ed Krasny, membership secretary of the Washtenaw Sportsman's Club, said most of its members are men over 40. He said the club, based in Ypsilanti Township, wants to increase its membership and welcomes any attempt to get more women and young people involved. "Anybody and everybody that's interested is welcome," Krasny said.


Wilson said the proposal is not intended to cost any public

money. Program oversight and tangible costs such as printing certificates would be covered through corporate partnerships between the Department of Natural Resources and companies like Jay's Sporting Goods in Clare and Gaylord or Cabela's in Dundee, he said. Several clubs, including the Washtenaw group, have set up events they say would dovetail with the award proposal.

For example, the club hosts the Wild Women of Washtenaw on Mother's Day weekend to encourage and instruct women in outdoor sports. Activities include knife-throwing, trap-shooting, archery, night hikes and hunter safety courses - all of which would earn points under the award system.

Wilson said state revenues could increase if the program encourages more people to obtain hunting and fishing licenses.

The bill is before the Health Policy Committee. Co-sponsors include Sens. Jason Allen, R-Traverse City; Cameron Brown, R-Pawn River Township; Alan Cropsey, R-DeWitt; Bill Hardiman, R-Kentwood; Wayne Kuipers, R-Holland; and Michelle McManus, R-Lake Leelanau.



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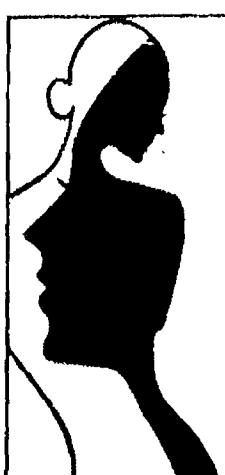
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Toupin bids a fond farewell

Grayling chiropractor, Dr. Suzanne Toupin, will be moving to Mimbres, New Mexico in August. Dr. Toupin explained it was a difficult decision to leave the community she has been a part of for so long: "although I've been practicing here since 1992 it sometimes seems like just a year or two since I started practice." When asked what she would miss most, Suzanne immediately replied, "My patients. The people of Grayling have been so friendly and supportive that it made the 70 mile round trip commute from Lewiston all worthwhile."

Toupin and her husband, retired minister, Rex Franklin, have vacationed in New Mexico for a number of years. They find the climate most appealing,

but now anticipate they will be returning here to Northern Michigan for holidays and visits. Suzanne recently returned from a retreat at the Deepak Chopra Center in La Jolla, Calif. During her stay there she realized that the time was right for some major changes. "Rex and I had contemplated this move for some time and are very excited about the next chapter in our lives," she said.

Dr. Toupin also wants to reassure the people of Grayling that they will not be without a female chiropractor. "Dr. Laurie Woodruff will be taking over my office and I feel she is just right for this area and my

patients. She has been my associate doctor since October and all the patient feedback has been extremely positive. When you spend a long time building up a practice it warms your heart to feel you have someone to continue providing great care in your absence."

Of course Dr. Laurie Woodruff is excited for this new opportunity to play an even greater role in the health care of the Grayling residents. Beginning July 1, Toupin Chiropractic will be "Active Chiropractic." Woodruff explains, "We chose the name to reflect both the area and our purpose. Grayling has a rich

and varied tradition of activities and events, definitely something to be proud of. Also, most of our population, including many seniors, is either on the go or wants to be. Our aim is to serve those people in the community that want to be active, whether it is running a marathon, taking a bike ride around the block or just being able to walk without a cane or walker. We also want to encourage patients to take an active role in their own health-care." Additionally, Dr. Laurie is thrilled that both chiropractic assistants, Melissa Beckett and Melanie Dannenberg will be part of the new venture.

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"The real estate industry has undergone a fundamental change over the past several years," said Fisher. "A majority of consumers are taking the time to conduct their own research prior to contacting an agent. In turn, real estate professionals must be knowledgeable of how technology can assist them in serving the needs of the buying and selling public."

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Michigan school districts still face major cuts despite potential funding increases

Schools are still cutting programs, staff and services despite an increase in their foundation allowance for the 2006-07 school year and a proposed increase for 2006-07, reveals a March 2006 survey conducted by EPIC.MRA on behalf of Michigan School Business Officials (MSBO).

In the 2006-07 school year 234 Michigan school districts (a random sample of Michigan's 535 k-12 districts) stated that they eliminated 859 positions, which equates to more than 1,900 layoffs statewide. Seventy-three percent of these districts did not fill open positions or reduced staff through attrition and 82 percent spent or reduced their fund balance.

These districts still expect to face budget challenges in the 2006-07 school year. They responded that even with a projected \$200 per pupil increase in the foundation allowance for the 2006-07 year:

Seventy-Five percent will spend or reduce their fund balance.

Seventy-Three percent said they would not replace some or all of employees who leave.

Sixty-Nine percent will increase workload for current employees.

Sixty-Seven percent would reduce spending on supplies and services.

Fifty-Eight percent would increase class size.

Another startling discovery was that in the 2005-06 academic year, sixty percent of the districts reporting indicated that their pupil enrollment decreased; with an average loss of over 1,000 students per district for urban districts responding to the survey.

Besides layoffs, school districts have done a number of things to lower their expenses:

Seventy-Six percent increased their workload for current employees.

Fifty-Six percent allowed class size to increase.

Forty-Five percent participate in cooperative purchasing.

Thirty-Five percent reduced or eliminated field trips.

Many districts are focusing on energy management strategies to lower their costs. Energy costs represent two to four percent of a district's budget. In 2004-05, the 234 responding school districts spent over \$142 million on heating and power (gas, electric etc.) needs. In 2005-06 these same districts spent about \$172 million, which is an increase of 21 percent from the year before.

"It appears that despite the Legislature's increase to the foundation allowance for 2005-06, and their proposed increase next year, there are still structural problems to the school funding system," said Ed Sarpolus, Vice-president of EPIC.MRA. "School districts are still struggling and their cuts are impacting the classroom."

While the survey numbers tell a story, the following comments from unnamed school business managers are even more telling.

"We are looking at privatizing transportation, custodial and food service for next year as the only way left to avoid substantial reductions in educational programs."

"We will be out of fund balance at the end of 2006-07, even with more than \$800,000 in cuts for that year. We will not be able to make enough cuts to get through the 2007-08 year. We are dealing with one year at a time, which is the best we can do considering that we're a month into the new school year before we know our enrollment and per pupil for sure."

"If the current trend continues, our school will have spent its fund balance within three years and be closing our doors."

"We have closed two buildings in two years and negotiated freezes and hard dollar caps. We have no capital outlay, curriculum adoptions, and no major facilities projects taking place for three years. What else can we do?"

"All district employees and par-

ents are pulling together to keep our doors open."

"We are implementing \$2 million in budget cuts for next year. We will continue to close school buildings in fiscal 2008. We believe we offer excellent educational opportunities for children, but these opportunities are in jeopardy. We are focusing way too much energy on the budget and too little energy on the business of educating students. This continues to cause organization disruption and unrest in just about every aspect of our operation is being affected by budget cuts."

"We are using choice to help deal with our financial situation, of our total students, of nearly 7,000, sixteen percent are choice. We would be in enrollment decline without choice."

"We have picked all of the low hanging fruit, our future is now one of choosing from a myriad of destructive actions that will have negative impacts on our students and totally changes the culture of our school district."

"Community members volunteer to cover jobs we can't and parents do fund raisers to keep co-curricular going. We have started adjusting programs over four years ago, so thus far we have managed to save all staff. In the past four years we have attained two large federal grants and many small, local grants for extras."

"We are selling a building next year to help balance the budget. This is a one-time revenue. The following year we will not have another building to sell."

"We have to figure it out year by year. We can't do much for long range planning."

"We had to deal with this in 2003-04 where we laid off 10 percent of our staff and made drastic non-payroll cuts. We had two years of no base increases. We are holding our own."

"Even though the numbers do not look big, (because) we are not a big district, only about 1400 stu-

dents, we have been making reductions for so long we really do not know or have much left. With student ridership of about eighty percent, only two custodians per building and bare bones administrative staff, sorry it is just extremely frustrating when you are trying to do a lot of good and (you) really care."

"Not quite sure how we are going to survive. Really do not have anything left to reduce other than really increasing our class size."

"Constantly asking relevancy questions. Looking at ways to cover additional support staffing needs with existing staff and formulas embedded in contracts to determine salary and benefit increases. We're holding people accountable for their individual budgets and following through with them."

"Left unaddressed, this district's structural deficit will carry into next year plus we anticipate an enrollment drop. The stars are NOT lining up."

"We continue to defer purchases for textbooks, technology, buses, and repairs on buildings and grounds. Due to cuts and deferrals made, labor costs have grown to eighty-six percent of our budget."

"We are running out of things to cut. The next step could be privatization of custodial staff and elimination of transportation for regular education students."

"Currently have our superintendent acting as the elementary principal also. Looking at privatization."

"Trying to cut costs as far away from the classroom as possible. Not large ticket items such as textbooks, computers and buses. Not replacing employees when a resignation or retirement is received."

"For the first time in many years the district is having to borrow to meet cash requirements for general fund expenditures."

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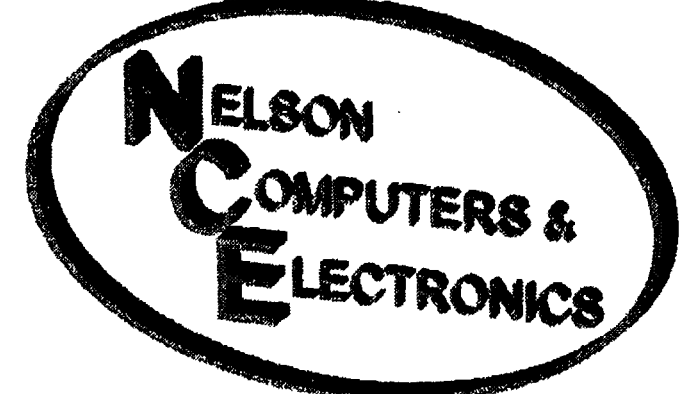
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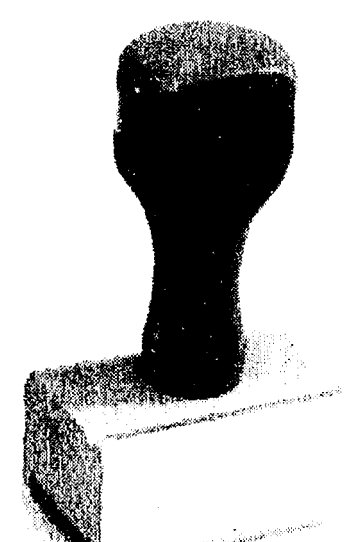
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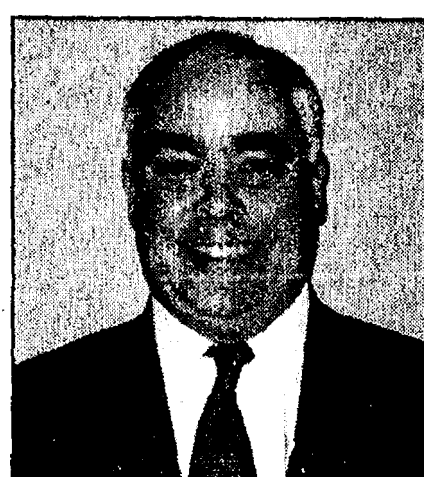
Jim McFarlin, Mark Scott will address students

About 300 students who have completed requirements for degrees and certificates will graduate during ceremonies at Kirtland Community College on Friday, May 5. The graduation ceremony begins at 7:30 p.m. in the college's auditorium and includes an audience that is invited by the graduates.

This year's audience will be addressed by two special guests. Detroit newspaper, television and radio personality Jim McFarlin will present the commencement address and area businessman Mark Scott, of Roscommon, will address graduates when he accepts his award as Outstanding Alumnus of the Year.

McFarlin has been involved in the communications industry since he debuted on air for WGHN in Grand Haven at the age of 15. He was soon hosting his own R&B radio music program, then moved to print as a reporter for "The Grand Rapids Press." After moving to Detroit, he combined his passions, covering the radio scene as a columnist, critic and reporter for "The Detroit News" for many years.

Currently, McFarlin is co-host of TV's "UpFront @ the Movies," seen weekly on Comcast Cable. His resume to date lists countless radio and TV shows that he has launched, hosted or been a guest on and he has become a nationally sought media expert. He contin-



Outstanding Alumnus of the Year, Mark Scott, will address graduates when he accepts his award.

ues to write for many Detroit-area publications as well, has vast experience in the magazine and book industries, and is currently researching and writing a history of Detroit music.

This year's Outstanding Alumnus, Mark Scott, moved north from his home in East Detroit when his father purchased a sawmill in Roscommon and launched Scott's Wood Products in 1973. After graduating from Standish-Sterling Central in 1975, Scott entered Kirtland's building technology program and earned an associate's degree in 1977. He earned a second associate's degree from Kirtland, in civil technology, in 1979.

As an integral member of the family business, Scott has helped that business grow and he has continued to use Kirtland as a resource for special interest and other classes when needed. Kirtland is proud to honor him for the many contributions he has made to his community and profession.

Marriage class a must under four-bill package

by Derek Wallbank
Capitol News Service

Michigan couples would have to attend a marriage class or counseling before they can receive a marriage license if a group of Republican-sponsored bills passes.

The four-bill package would also provide a tax credit for the cost of the course and require prospective brides and grooms be at least 18 to marry without parental consent.

Rep. John Stahl, R-North Branch, said the proposals are necessary to strengthen and promote marriage.

"We need to strengthen the family unit, making sure they work and last," Stahl said.

The legislation waives the current three-day waiting period for couples who complete the course and removes a provision that can allow couples who don't to receive a license the same day they apply.

The proposal would allow clergy and licensed practitioners to counsel couples.

"It's just getting people together with a counselor in a positive, productive way," said Rep. Tim Moore, R-Farwell, who co-sponsored the legislation. "This isn't a long, drawn-out event."

Stahl added, "This will give them time so they really know what they're committing to."

Stahl said he is concerned about the high rate of single-parent households, especially in urban areas. Keeping marriages intact would benefit not only the family but also the community,

he said.

But Gov. Jennifer Granholm vetoed similar legislation in 2004. Twelve bills were tied-barred, meaning if one failed to pass they all did. Her veto letter cited the marriage counseling bill as a deal-breaker.

"The decisions men and women make about marriage are private decisions," Granholm said in her veto letter. "State government should not expand its role into such private affairs when such expansion is neither effective nor appropriate."

Granholm press secretary Liz Boyd said Granholm is still reviewing the legislation to see if there are things she can support, but added that the governor remains opposed to putting government in people's lives.

"It's very possible that if he (Stahl) is introducing an identical package, that he will see an identical result," Boyd said.

The proposed tax credit for marriage counseling was expected to cost the state \$1.5 million a year, according to an analysis by the House Fiscal Agency.

Stahl said the state would recoup the loss by keeping families out of divorce courts.

Co-sponsors include Reps. John Moolenaar, R-Midland; Barb Vander Veen, R-Allendale; Tom Meyer, R-Bad Axe; Rick Shaffer, R-Three Rivers; and Kevin Elsenheimer, R-Bellaire.

The legislation is before the Family and Children Services Committee, which Stahl chairs, and is tentatively scheduled to be considered on May 3.

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Hunters split on expanded crossbow use by seniors

by Sandra Kao
Capitol News Service

Michigan hunters 65 years or older would be allowed to hunt deer with crossbows during archery season under a bill recently introduced in the House.

Some older hunters who back the bill argue they should be allowed to use crossbows because many aren't strong enough to use regular or compound bows.

"Most of your senior citizens no longer have the strength to pull a bow string back," said Ronald Zerfas of Lansing, a self-described avid hunter who staunchly supports allowing seniors citizens -- and not just the disabled -- to use crossbows during archery season from Oct. 1 to Jan. 1.

Under state law, a crossbow cannot be used to hunt except by a person 14 or older during the Nov. 15 - 30 firearm deer season and by a disabled person with a crossbow permit, according to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

The proposal would give seniors a longer period to hunt with crossbows in the warmer October weather. In addition, "seniors do not have that much time left" and are being denied the opportunity to hunt with their children and grandchildren, said 70-year-old Zerfas, whose multiple injuries from an explosion more than 30 years ago combined with arthritis got him a lifetime DNR permit to hunt with a crossbow.

Now that he has a lifetime permit, Zerfas said he is pushing to get the bill passed for seniors who are aren't strong enough to draw a bow, but do not qualify for a crossbow permit.

"Seniors all tell me, and I quote, 'I am tired of fighting the system and I just got rid of my bow and gave up,'" Zerfas said.

But Lou Leavens of Sterling Heights, president of the Michigan Bow Hunters Association, which does not define the crossbow as archery equipment, said he does not support opening up the archery sea-

son to seniors with crossbows.

"We will continue our fight to keep crossbows out of the season for senior citizens," Leavens said, adding that there are 80-and 90-year-old seniors who hunt with regular and compound bows who would be offended by the suggestion that senior citizens need crossbows.

He also said the archery industry has done a "terrific job" in making conventional bow equipment adaptable for "anybody and everybody" who really wants to hunt with them.

But Zerfas said that apparent unwillingness to share the woods with crossbow hunters reveals "a selfish attitude."

Michigan United Conservation Clubs Executive Director Sam Washington said his organization is neutral about the issue.

In a similar vein, DNR wildlife chief Bill Moritz said the department is still preparing a response to the bill.

Tim Ondusky, president of the Oakland County Sportsman's

Club, said he does not oppose the legislation for the senior citizens who want to hunt safely and effectively.

"It will give them the opportunity to stay active in the sport," Ondusky said.

The bill is pending in the House Conservation, Forestry and Outdoor Recreation Committee. Rep. Rick Jones, R-Grand Ledge, the sponsor, said he doesn't know if there's enough support to pass it.

Rep. Tom Casperson, R-Escanaba, who chairs the Outdoor Recreation Committee, said he supports the measure in concept. Many of his constituents "who were getting up there in age" and want to continue to hunt had brought it to his attention.

Casperson said he and Jones discussed bringing together groups such as the MUCC, DNR and hunting clubs to get input and seek compromise.

A similar bill was introduced in 2003, and "guys got pretty passionate about it," he said.

DNR aims at recruiting more female hunters in the sport

by Sandra Kao
Capitol News Service

Women with little or no hunting experience who want to get involved in the sport can learn what steps to take through Department of Natural Resources (DNR) classes and programs geared especially for them.

There's "a steady trend of increased interest" in hunting among women, said Sgt. Kevin Davis, a DNR hunter education field coordinator for the Department of Natural Resources in Traverse City. "They're enjoying the sport and they're enjoying being a part of the conservation effort."

Among the U.S. population 16 or older, 1 percent of females hunted in 2001, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Of the 13 million hunters 16 or older, 1.2 million or 9 percent were female.

A workshop to train female hunter education instructors is scheduled for June 24 at the Carl T. Johnson Hunting and Fishing Center in Cadillac. A regular hunter education class specifically for women is scheduled for July 22-23, also at the center.

Having female instructors available to teach women and children new to hunting can be a welcoming and positive experience for students, Davis said.

"We're trying to even out our instructor pool to give a better representation of our population," Davis said. The goal is to "make it so that everyone can relate to someone."

"In general, women learn well from women and there's also the mentoring aspect of it," said Lynn Morla, coordinator of DNR's Becoming an Outdoors-Woman program, which offers workshops in outdoors activities.

Fifty-two of 257 new instructors last year were women. Altogether, there are 2,780 certified volunteer hunter education instructors teaching throughout the state's 83 counties, according to the DNR.

The department's outreach to women is designed to help them take the first step in getting involved in hunting, he said.

To obtain a license, hunters born after Jan. 1, 1960, must first complete an education course.

The course usually lasts 12 to 16 hours and covers a wide range of subjects, including firearm safety, hunting techniques, wildlife conservation, carrying and transporting firearms, survival skills and first aid. Fees range from \$5 to \$10, depending on where class is held.

Last year, there were 2,735 hunter education classes that certified 30,268 students, of whom 21 percent were females, according to Davis. It was a 5 percent gain from the previous fiscal year, although the proportion of female enrollment remained the same.

"Hunters are the No. 1 conservationists out there," Davis said. "It's hunters and fishermen who pay for wildlife and fisheries management. To us, it's the largest

management tool to keep nature in balance, rather than let nature take its course."

Hunting is "not just about going out to kill animals," he said. It's

also a form of recreation that encourages people to come together in a common pursuit, he said.

"It's the start of an education that will take them through a life-

time," Davis said.

For more information on hunter education courses and outdoor workshops for women, visit www.michigan.gov/dnr.

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Sen. Stamas kicks off reelection bid

State Sen. Tony Stamas, R-Midland, announced plans to seek reelection last week.

Stamas, who has represented the 36th Senate District since 2003, made a stop at the Crawford County Courthouse last Wednesday to kick off his reelection campaign.

"It is my duty and honor to work hard for the constituents and families of the 36th Senate District," Stamas said. "I was fortunate enough, four years ago, to have had the support from the district to send me to Lansing, and for that I am thankful and humbled. My campaign slogan, based on my background of working with my family's small pizza shop was, 'Stamas Delivers,' and during my time in Lansing I have done my best to

live up that promise. There is much more, however, to be done."

During his term, Stamas wrote a law prohibiting the state from charging citizens for obtaining public information through the use of 900 numbers. He also authored legislation that prohibits the use of traffic signal controls by individuals that would put the public at risk. Stamas added that he also crafted a new law to protect boaters and their families from hit and run accidents.

Stamas said education funding, economic development and the environment were top issues in his reelection bid.

Stamas previously served in the Michigan House of Representatives.

Trout Opener Gala attracts a full house at the library

The Devereaux Memorial Library hosted its second annual Trout Opener Gala on Friday with a full house of avid fly-fishing enthusiasts enjoying the last night before they set out in serious pursuit of trout on our local rivers. During this last chance to relax on dry land, they fed their souls with all things trout.

Great fly-fishing books from the Griffith Wright Memorial Collection, and wonderful flies were tied before their eyes by local artisans: Jess Fairbrotham, Jerry Regan and Tim Neal.

They vied for fly-fishing items in a silent auction and they lusted after a handmade river boat made by Grayling High School students being raffled off by the Mason Griffith Founders Chapter of Trout Unlimited. They heard about true passion from Joe Heywood.

Guest speaker, Joe Heywood, nationally known author of "The Snowfly" and "Woods Cop" series gave a talk about his writing. The Snowfly is a richly imaginative novel. The world Heywood creates has mystery

lurking beneath the surface waters. It is not just about fly-fishing but the story of how passion can direct our lives.

"Most of my trout fishing has been confined to Michigan, where there is ample opportunity and plenty of stubborn and wily fish. I am not a great fisherman, but I continue to learn, which makes it a wonderful passion," said Heywood. He believes that pursuing one's passions can lead you to "home," as in the well known phrase - home is where the heart is.

Local merchants gave items for a silent auction, many individuals donated delightful finger food for the patrons who attended the Gala. The Challenge Chapter of Trout Unlimited gave over 40 books to add to the Griffith Wright Memorial Collection, many of them rare or first editions. Our own local Mason Griffith Founders Chapter turned over all their proceeds from "The Snowfly" book sale, and the money raised by the silent auction to Devereaux Memorial Library.

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Join us for a meal, either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Please try to call for reservations at (989) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500, so that we know how many to plan for.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, May 5 - Lunch - beef goulash, cauliflower, peas and carrots, and banana. No Dinner. 12 p.m. Frederic and Maple Forest Satellite Meal, 1 p.m. Stageette Club and Pantry Bingo.

Sunday, May 7 - Brunch - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Pancakes, sausage and eggs, fruit bar, dessert, juice, coffee and milk. \$3 seniors and under 12, \$5 non-seniors.

Monday, May 8 - Lunch - smoked sausage, hot German potato salad, mixed vegetables, and applesauce. Dinner - baked chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, stewed tomatoes, and peas. 10 a.m. aerobics, 1 p.m. Bridge Club, 5:30 p.m. Cardio.

Tuesday, May 9 - Lunch - oven cheese omelet, winter

blend, green bean casserole, and orange. Dinner - baked potato with chili, broccoli with cheese sauce, and mixed fruit. 8:30 a.m. casino trip, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. TEAFAP at the Legion, 12:45 p.m. Euchre.

Wednesday, May 10 - Lunch - BBQ meatballs, Italian blend vegetables, corn, and peaches. Birthday Dinner - pork chops, marshmallow sweet potatoes, peas, and cake and ice cream. 10 a.m. line dancing, 2 p.m. Caregiver Class, 5 p.m. Birthday dinner, 5:30 p.m. White Elephant auction.

Thursday, May 11 - Lunch - Salmon patty with cream sauce, glazed carrots, coleslaw, and pineapple. Dinner - beef vegetable stew, green beans, and fresh fruit salad. 10 a.m. aerobics and craft class, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks. The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 89 complaints the week of April 24 - April 30:

Three EMS responses, 10 traffic accidents, two motor vehicles-vehicle identification number-school busses, three civil matters/family disputes, 13 suspicious situations, one lost and found property, 21 general non-criminal complaints, three struc-

ture fires, one delinquent minors, two false alarms, two burglary/home invasions, one burglary-forced entry-nonresidence, three larcenies, one unauthorized vehicle use, four damage to properties, one sex offenses/indecency exposure, nine public peace/disorderlies, seven health and safeties, one conservation and one miscellaneous arrest.

Sheriff Wakefield asks: "Do you know where your children are?" For more information, log on to: www.crawfordsheriff.org.

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner reports his department handled the following during the week of April 23 - April 30:

Two private property accidents, four traffic warnings, one traffic accident, two civil infraction citations, three misdemeanor arrests, two felony arrests, three larceny complaints, one domestic violence complaint, two juvenile complaints, five disturbing the peace complaints, four assist other departments, two civil complaints, one attempt to locate, one city ordinance violation, one forgery complaint, one stalking/harassment complaint, one unlawfully driving away an automobile complaint, one animal control complaint, three suspicious situations and nine unclassified complaints.

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Vikings finish 2nd at Standish Tournament

■ **Softball team splits series vs. Boyne City on Tuesday, winning game one 3-1**

The Grayling High School varsity girls softball team posted a 2-1 record at Saturday's Standish Tournament and brought home the event's second place trophy.

The Vikings opened their tournament run with a 5-1 victory over the Panthers of Standish.

Chelsea Wolcott pitched all seven innings for GHS and picked up the win. She struck out three batters.

On offense, Megan Etzler was 2 for 2 (single, triple, walk) with 2 runs scored, Monica Peters was 2 for 3 (single, double), Jessica Henderson was 1 for 3 (double) with 1 run scored, Gabby Calkins was 1 for 2 (single, sac bunt) with 1 RBI and 1 run scored, and Katie Baynham had 1 run scored, 1 RBI, and 1 stolen

base.

"This was a great victory for the girls. They were able to avenge two losses against Standish on Thursday by pulling off a victory versus the tournament hosts," Coach Keri Brock said. "The second half of our lineup really stepped up at the plate. Megan Etzler had a huge game going two for two with a single, triple, walk and two runs scored as well as four putouts and an outfield assist."

"For many of the girls this

was their first tournament experience. Hopefully it's something they can build on," Coach Brock said.

The Vikings then defeated Houghton Lake 10-5 to earn a spot in the tournament championship game.

Wolcott was the winning pitcher for GHS. She scattered four hits and finished with six strikeouts.

Baynham had 2 hits, 2 runs

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See "VIKINGS..."

Golf squad wins 8-team Hillman Invitational

■ **Vikings off to a 21-4 start with 1st and 5th place tourney finishes, 2 meet wins**

The GHS girls golf squad is off to a 21-4 start, including a first place finish in an eight-team tournament at Hillman last Monday.

Grayling won last Monday's Hillman Invitational with a team score of 416. The Vikings finished ahead of teams from

Hillman, Petoskey, Traverse City Central, Traverse City West, Alpena, Cheboygan, and Elk Rapids.

The Vikings were led by Abby Wheeler, who shot a 93 and took first place individually at the tournament.

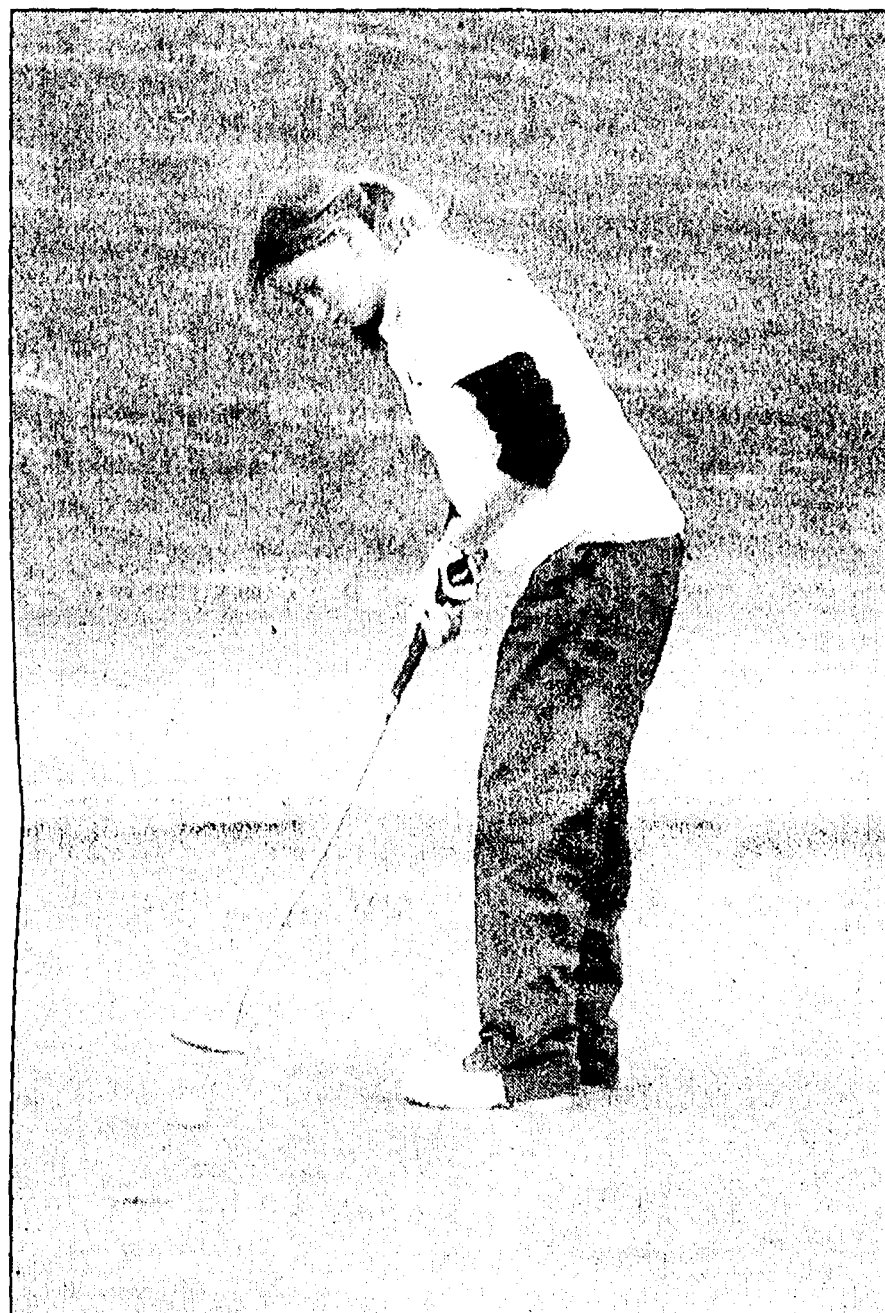
On Friday, the Vikings placed fifth at a 13-team tournament hosted by Alma at Pine River Country Club.

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See "GOLF SQUAD..."



Grayling High School's varsity girls softball team celebrates its 2nd place finish at Saturday's Standish Tournament. Pictured: (front, L to R) Trisha Petersen, Chelsea Wolcott, Andrea Southard, Katie Baynham, Jessica Henderson; (back, L to R) Nicole Metzger, Alyssa Lewis, Shentele Apps, Sam Schreiber, Monica Peters, Hannah Smith, Gabby Calkins, Megan Etzler, Coach Keri Brock.



Kristi Calkins putts for the Vikings during a recent meet at Grayling Country Club.

Soccer team falls to East Jordan 2-1



(Left) Melissa Scott battles for a ball in last Monday's varsity girls soccer game vs. the East Jordan Red Devils. (Right) Kim Long takes a throw-in for the Vikings on Monday night. East Jordan won the contest by a final score of 2-1. For more on the soccer team, see Page 4B.

Tennis team wins 8-0 vs. Boyne City Ramblers

■ **Vikings open 2006 season with a 7-1 victory at Boyne City on Tuesday, April 11**

The GHS boys tennis team defeated the Boyne City Ramblers 8-0 in a home meet last Tuesday.

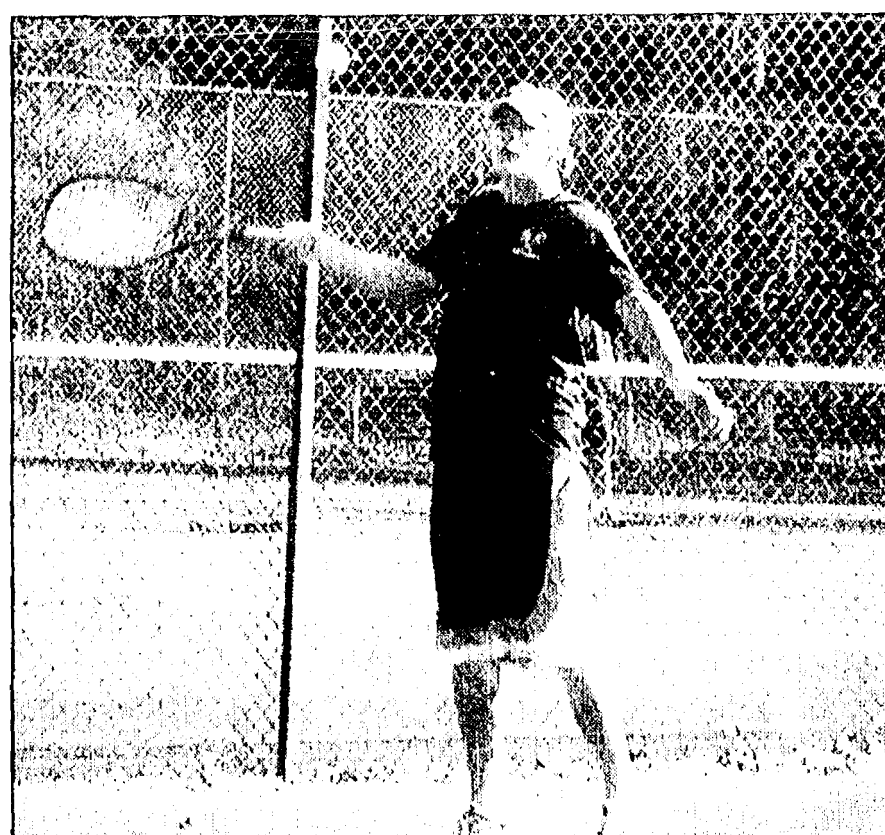
Scores for Grayling included: (singles) Doug Slater (7-5, 6-1), Tiago Leite (6-2, 6-0), Mike

Hoag (6-0, 6-0), (doubles) Bobby Feutz and Mitch Salyers (6-4, 7-6), Scott Olson and Zach Dean (6-0, 6-2), Austin Andrus and Spencer Dean (7-6, 6-4), Dan Latusek and Radell Rosin (6-1, 6-1).

On April 20, the Vikings lost a close match vs. Harbor Springs 3-5.

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See "TENNIS TEAM..."



Zeke Hayes plays for Grayling during a singles match vs. Elk Rapids.

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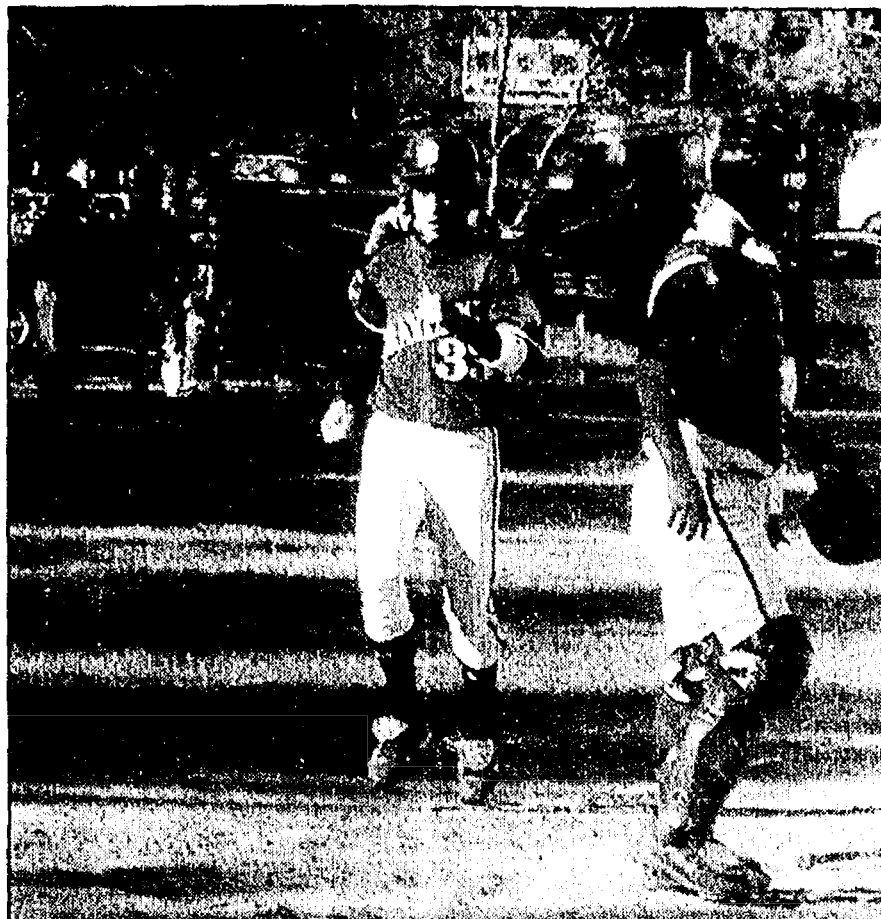


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Eli VanNuck scores a run for Grayling during last Tuesday's series against Boyne City.



Derek Etzler pitches for Grayling vs. Boyne City on Tuesday night.

Vikings defeat Bobcats at Standish Tournament

■ Vikings fall to Blazers 5-3, 3-1 in doubleheader at Kalkaska on April 21

The GHS varsity baseball team posted a 7-4 victory over the Houghton Lake Bobcats at Saturday's Standish Tournament. Mike Boylan and Matt Kubinec pitched for Grayling, combining for a four-hitter. Eli VanNuck, Jim Boylan, Ron Johnston, Derek Etzler, and Josh Mastej all had hits for the Vikings.

"We finally played baseball and only had one error for the

game. Our pitchers did a great job and we beat a good Houghton Lake team," Coach John Schneider said.

On Tuesday, the Vikings lost two games to Boyne City (12-4, 10-2) at GHS.

In game one, Mastej had three hits for Grayling. Etzler and Kubinec each had one hit. Mastej had two hits in game two.

"We committed too many errors -- nine -- in the first game. When you have that many you're not going to win. The second game we just didn't hit and again had five errors," Coach Schneider said.

On April 21, Grayling lost two close games at Kalkaska 5-3, 3-1.

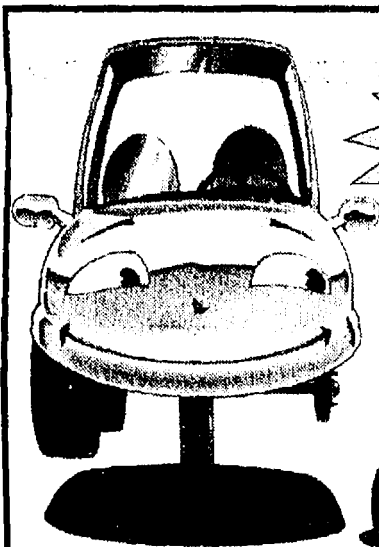
Johnston, J. Boylan, and M. Boylan each had a hit and RBI in game one. Schreiber and VanNuck pitched for the Vikings. J.C. Schneider pitched a five-hitter for GHS in game two.

"We played very well but came up short. We had opportunities in both games to win, but just couldn't get timely hits. Schreiber and Schneider pitched outstanding," Coach Schneider said.

The Vikings play at Tawas on Thursday, May 4.



J.C. Schneider leads off at first base vs. Standish.



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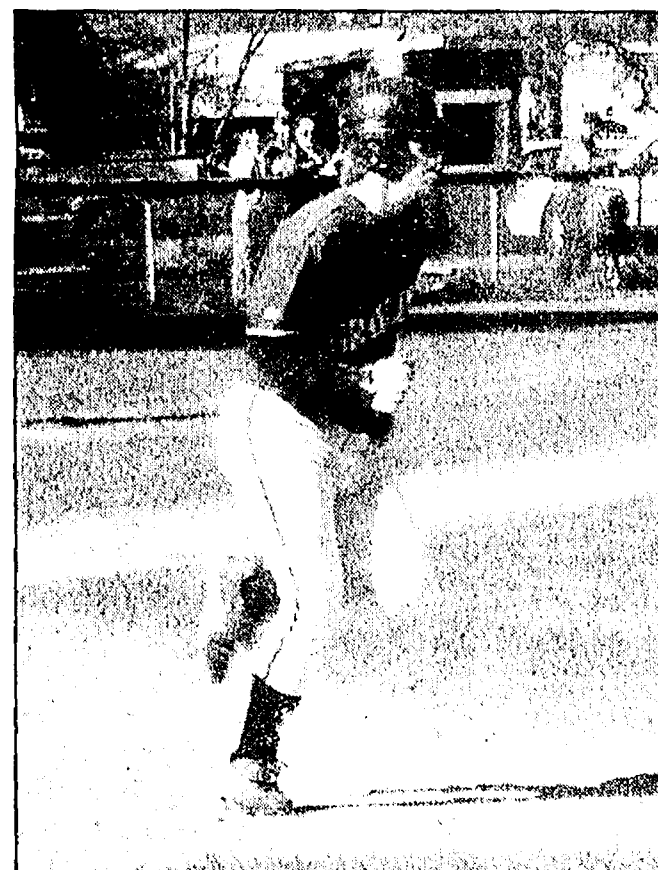
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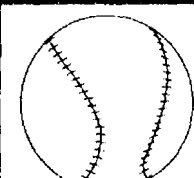
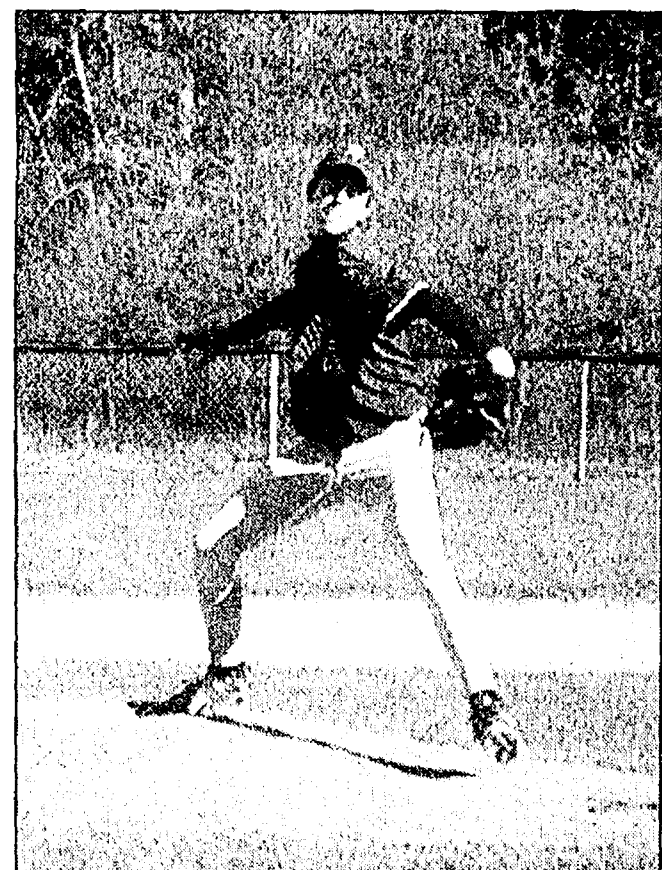
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(Left) Ben Jones runs to first base after drawing a walk on Thursday. (Right) Richie Schreiber pitches for Grayling against Standish.



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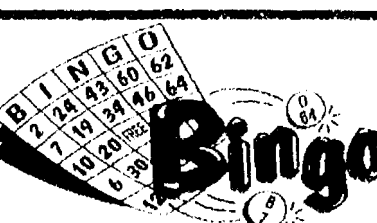


Varsity Baseball

Coach: John Schneider

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Josh, a senior, had eight hits in the last six games. He has been catching both games of doubleheaders due to an injury to the back-up catcher.



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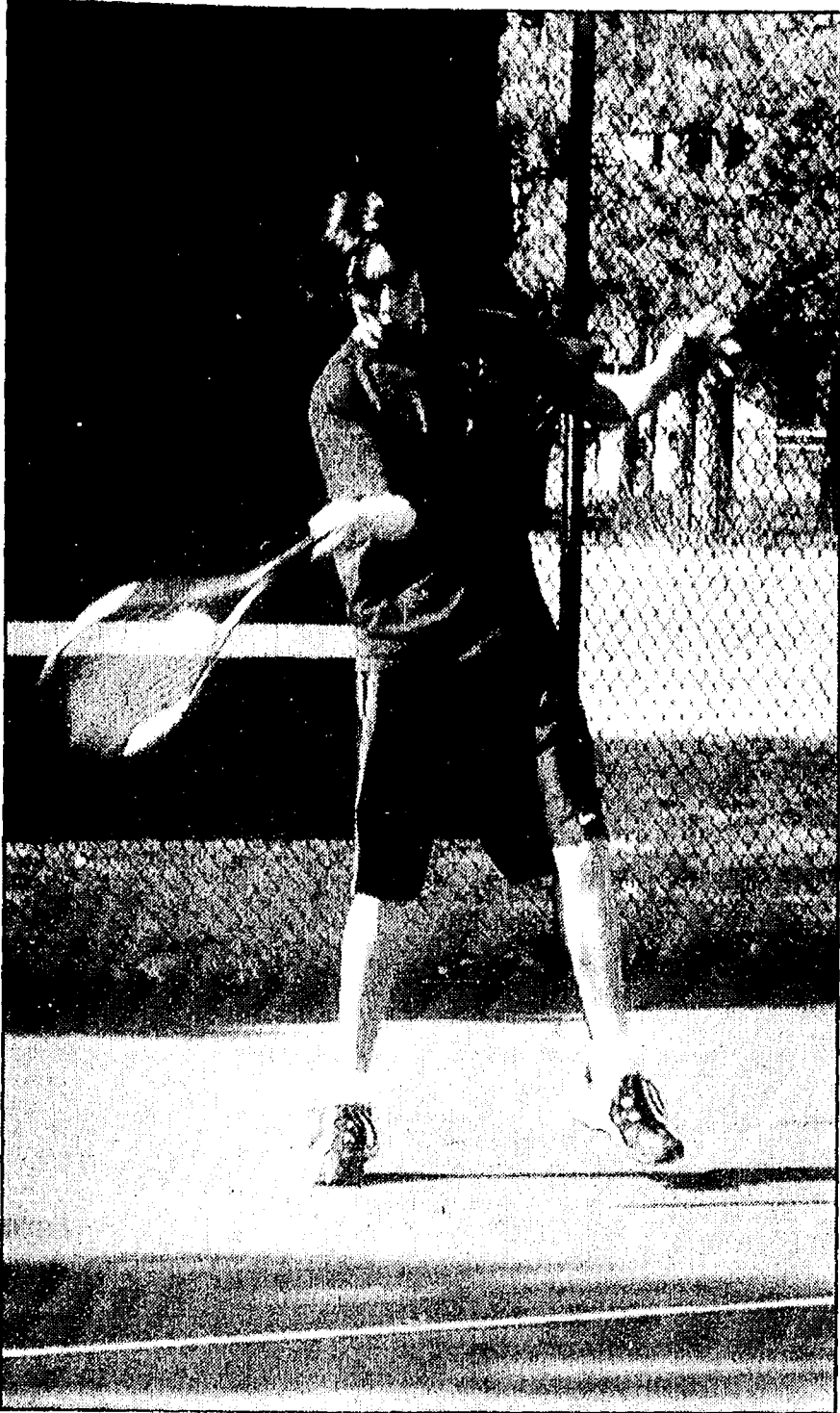
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Jim Boylan leads off at first base during last week's doubleheader against Boyne City.



Matt Kubinec bats for the Vikings on Thursday.



Doug Slater returns a ball during a singles match vs. Elk Rapids.



Spencer Dean serves for the Vikings during a doubles match against the Elks.

Tennis team wins 8-0 vs. Boyne City Ramblers

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Grayling won two doubles matches and one singles event. Zeke Hayes won (7-6, 3-6, 6-1) at fourth singles. Salyers and Z. Dean won (7-5, 6-2) at second doubles, and Olson and Reid Holzbauer won (7-5, 6-3) at third doubles.

The visiting Elk Rapids Elks outscored Grayling 6-2 in a meet at GHS on April 19.

Grayling's first and second doubles teams both won their matches. Andrus and Feutz won (4-6, 6-1, 6-0) and Z. Dean and Salyers won (6-2, 5-7, 6-3).

"After struggling in their last match, our first and second doubles came together to win some hard-fought three-set matches," Coach Craig Cobb said.

On April 17, the Vikings lost 5-3 to the Rayders at Charlevoix.

Leite won (6-2, 6-1) at second singles for GHS. Hoag won (6-0, 6-2) at third singles, and Hayes won (5-7, 6-0, 7-5) at fourth singles.

"Grayling played hard with some close doubles matches that we just didn't pull out in the end," Coach Cobb said.

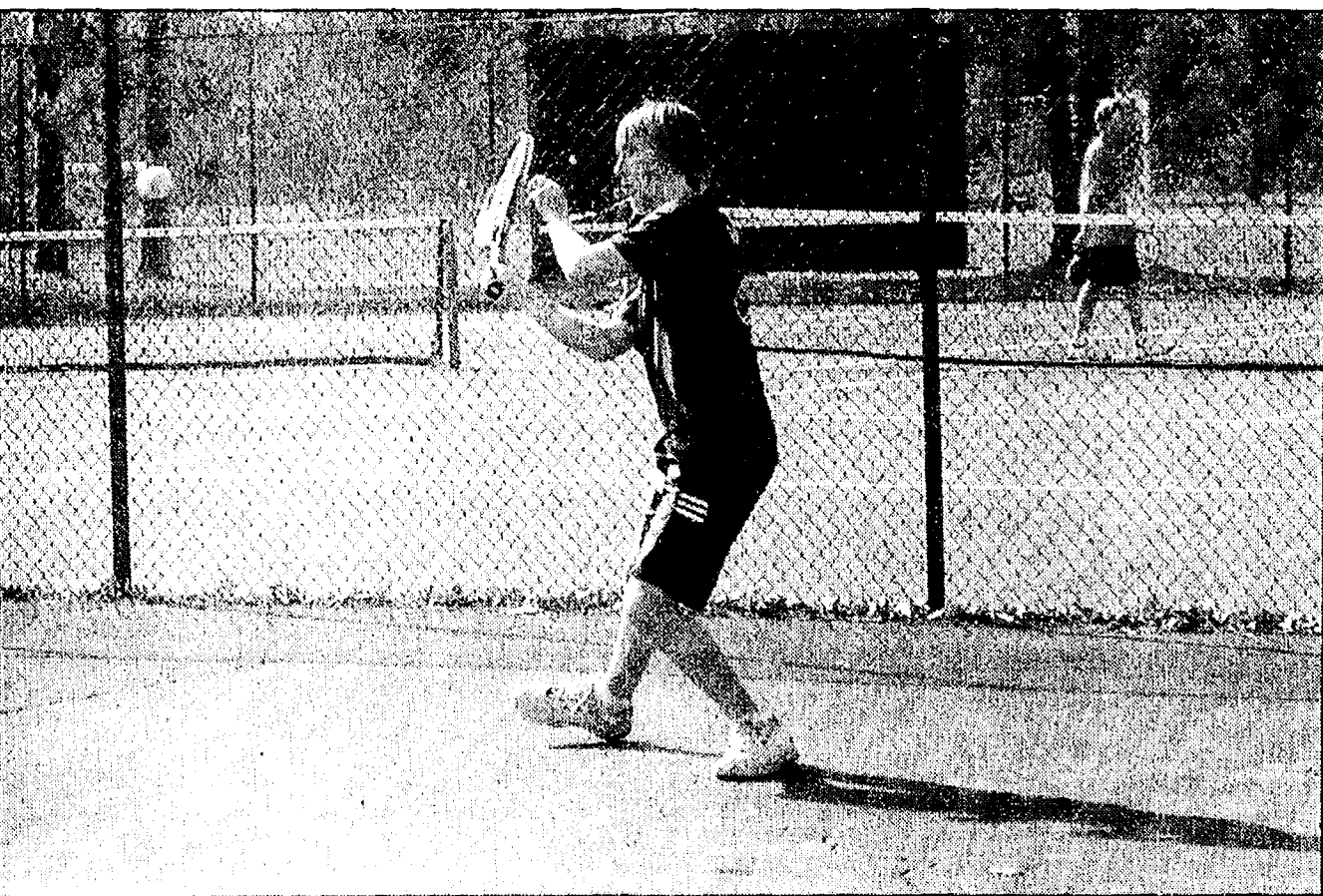
The Vikings opened their 2006 season with a 7-1 victory over the Boyne City Ramblers at

Boyne City on April 11.

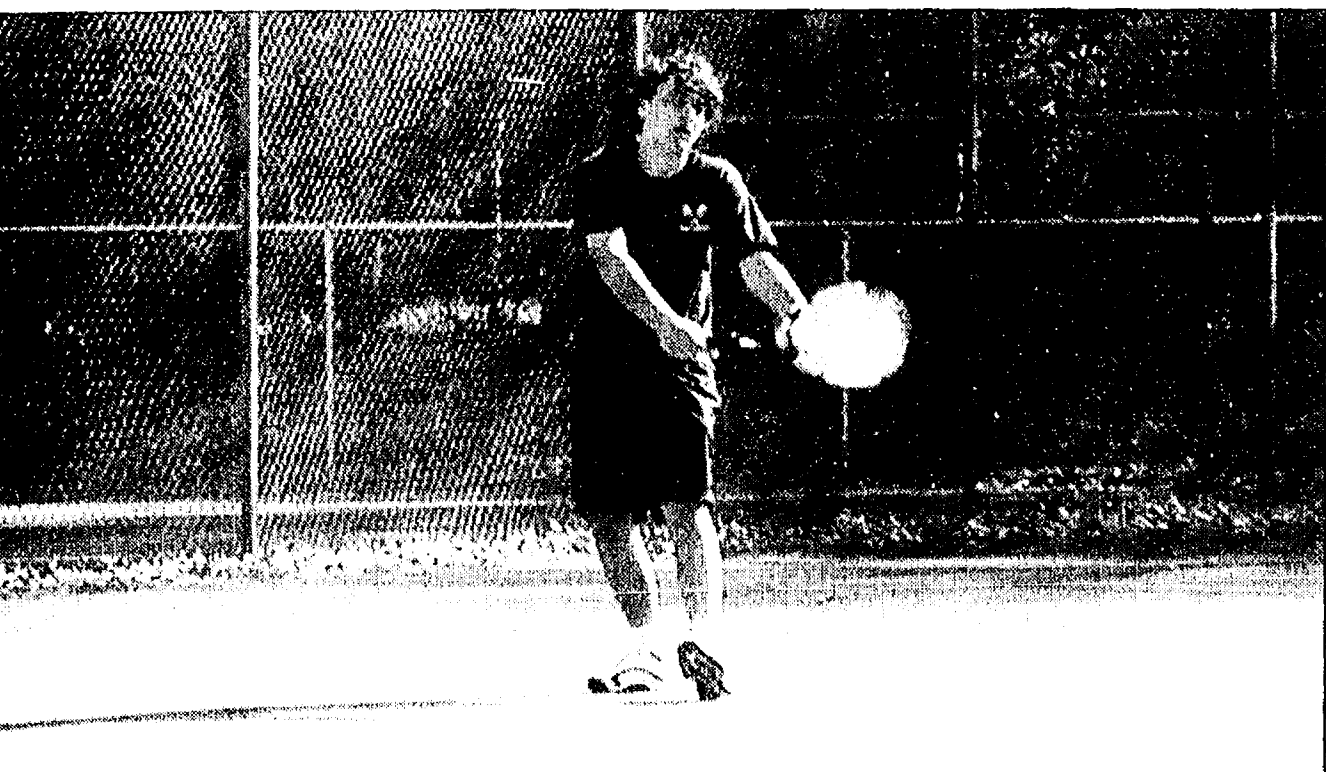
Grayling's wins included: Slater (6-3, 6-1), first singles; Leite (6-0, 6-1), second singles; Hayes (6-0, 6-1), third singles; Hoag and Andrus (6-3, 6-2), first doubles; Feutz and Holzbauer (6-2, 6-0), second doubles.

"It was a great way to start out the season," Coach Cobb said.

The Vikings will host Alpena on Friday, May 5, at 4 p.m.



Reid Holzbauer returns a ball vs. Elk Rapids while playing a doubles match.



Tiago Leite serves for the Vikings during a singles match against the Elks.



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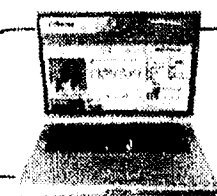
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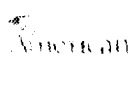
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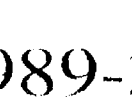
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Jessie Baker (left) and Jessica Bindschatel (right) dribble the ball for the Vikings during Monday's game against East Jordan.



Chelsea Curriston fights for a ball vs. East Jordan on Monday night.

Soccer team falls to East Jordan 2-1

Red Devils win game with only goal of the second half on Monday night

The Vikings of Grayling High School lost last Monday's varsity girls soccer game vs. East Jordan by a final score of 2-1. The game was played at GHS.

The Red Devils of East Jordan

scored first with a goal at the 28:59 mark in the first half. Grayling tied the game at 1-1 with a goal by Amanda Moran at the 27:42 mark. East Jordan scored the only goal of the second half and won 2-1.

The Vikings finished with 14 shots on goal and East Jordan had eight. Jessie Baker, Vicki King, Chelsea Curriston, Kim Long, Ashlee Robinson, and Melissa Scott all had shots on goal for the Vikings.

"I am very proud of how these girls played today. They communicated and played well together. They fought hard for the ball, and we kept it on our offensive end much of the game. I feel we outplayed East Jordan, but we just couldn't get the shots to go in," Coach John Haven said. "The goal scored came on a cross from the left side. Jessie Baker got a hold of it in a scramble in front of the net. She dumped it off to Amanda Moran, who tapped it in."

The team's previous three efforts included losses to Roscommon (8-0 at home on April 21), Charlevoix (10-0 at home on April 20), and Boyne City (3-0 at Boyne City on April 17). The Vikings fell to Elk Rapids 10-0 in a road game last Thursday.

"With such a young team, their lack of experience shows against these well established programs. I'm encouraged by the abilities of these ladies and with each game, and every practice, they show improvement and understand more the complex nature of the varsity level," Coach Haven said.

The Vikings will host Traverse City on Thursday, May 4, at 5 p.m.



Chelsea Curriston fights for a ball vs. East Jordan on Monday night.



Amanda Moran takes a throw-in for GHS during last week's game against the Red Devils.



Ashlee Robinson battles for a ball vs. East Jordan on Monday.



Chelsea Hanson stops a ball during the East Jordan game last week.

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Wendy's Vikings of the Week



Kim Long



Amanda Moran

Varsity Girls Soccer
Coach: John Haven
KIM LONG & AMANDA MORAN

"Kim has really stepped up as the leader of this team. Her dedication and hard work set a good example for the rest of the team. Defensively, she has stopped drives and blocked shots and has set up many offensive opportunities for us," her coach said. "Amanda scored our only goal against East Jordan. Being in the right place at the right time is a direct result of her intense play and studying the game. She plays extremely hard regardless of the size or ability of her opponent."

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(Left) Monica Peters bats for GHS vs. Boyne City on Tuesday. (Center) Katie Baynham pitches for the Vikings during Tuesday's series against Boyne City. (Right) Jessica Henderson runs from second base to third on Thursday against the Standish Panthers.

Vikings finish 2nd at Standish Tournament

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scored, and 2 stolen bases. Wolcott was 1 for 3, with 1 RBI and 1 run scored, Henderson was 1 for 4 with 1 run scored, Peters was 1 for 3 with 1 run scored and 1 walk, Alyssa Lewis drew 3 walks and scored 2 runs, Trisha Petersen had 1 walk, 1 RBI, 1 stolen base, and 2 runs scored, Etzler was 1 for 3 with 1 RBI, and Calkins was 1-3 with 1 run scored.

"We had a huge first inning, scoring seven runs on four hits. We ran the bases well and took advantage of their mistakes," Coach Brock said. "There's always a little added motivation against Houghton Lake for various reasons. I'm proud of the effort and hope we can use the two tournament wins as confidence boosters going in to the East Jordan game."

In the finals, Grayling fell to Big Rapids 15-0.

Henderson was 2 for 2 with 1 stolen base and Peters was 1 for 2.

"Any time a team scores 15 runs off of six hits you know you aren't doing your job defensively. With little tournament experience and being the first time we have played three games consecutively, the odds weren't in our favor. Big Rapids was a fundamentally sound and well-disciplined team. They deserved to take home the title," Coach Brock said. "The Big Rapids game doesn't take anything away from what the girls accomplished today. To my knowledge this is the first regular season tournament in which Grayling softball has taken home a trophy. A second place tournament finish is a great step in the right direction. I'm very proud of where our team is at in this point of the season."

On Thursday, the Vikings lost two games to Standish (3-1, 15-0) at Grayling High School.

In game one, Baynham was 1 for 3, Wolcott was 1-3, and Henderson 1 for 2 with 1 walk.

"We simply lacked focus ver-



(Left) Megan Etzler reaches third base during Thursday's game against Standish. (Right) Andrea Southard scores a run for Grayling vs. Boyne City on Tuesday.

sus Standish. Offensively, we hit the ball right at them and they made plays," Coach Brock said. "Game two was a whole different story. We made them look like a dominant team. I feel as though we are a much better team than we showed so the key will be to learn and move on."

On Tuesday, Grayling split a doubleheader with Boyne City. The Vikings won game one 3-1, but Boyne took game two of the series 4-2 in extra innings. The series was played at GHS.

Wolcott pitched six innings in game one, allowing five hits and three walks while striking out five.

On offense, Henderson was 2 for 2 (single, triple, walk) with 1 run scored, 1 stolen base, and 1 RBI; Baynham walked once, scored a run, and had 2 stolen bases; and Andrea Southard was 1 for 3 (double).

Baynham pitched seven innings in game two. She allowed five hits and four walks while striking out six batters.

Henderson was 2 for 4 (two singles), with 1 RBI; Baynham was 1 for 3 (single, walk) with 1 run scored and 2 stolen bases;

Peters was 1 for 3 (single); Lewis was 1 for 2 (single, walk) with 1 RBI; and Petersen had 1 run scored and 1 stolen base.

"We talked in the last week or so about the importance of starting a game strong and refusing to let up. We were able to get on the board in the first courtesy of a Jessica Henderson triple and manufactured a couple more runs in the later innings to seal the victory," Coach Brock said. "For the most part we played a strong defensive game with the exception of three errors, one of which led to the only run scored by Boyne. Chelsea pitched well, limiting the Ramblers to five hits, striking out five as well."

"In game two, again, we jumped out to a lead with Baynham scoring on a single by Henderson. I felt as if we coasted on offense the next four innings, which left the door open for Boyne. We picked up one more run in the sixth to force extra innings for the second double-

header in a row. Unfortunately, we ended with the same result. We put the ball in play but were unable to find a hole," Coach Brock said.

The Vikings will play at Tawas on Thursday, May 4, at 4 p.m.



(Left) Trisha Petersen reaches third base in the game against Boyne City last Tuesday. (Right) Alyssa Lewis runs from second to third vs. Standish on Thursday.



Varsity Softball
Coach: Keri Brock
MEGAN ETZLER

"Megan was huge for us on Saturday, going 2 for 2 with a single, triple, walk, and two runs scored against Standish. Defensively, she pitched in with four putouts and one outfield assist," her coach said.

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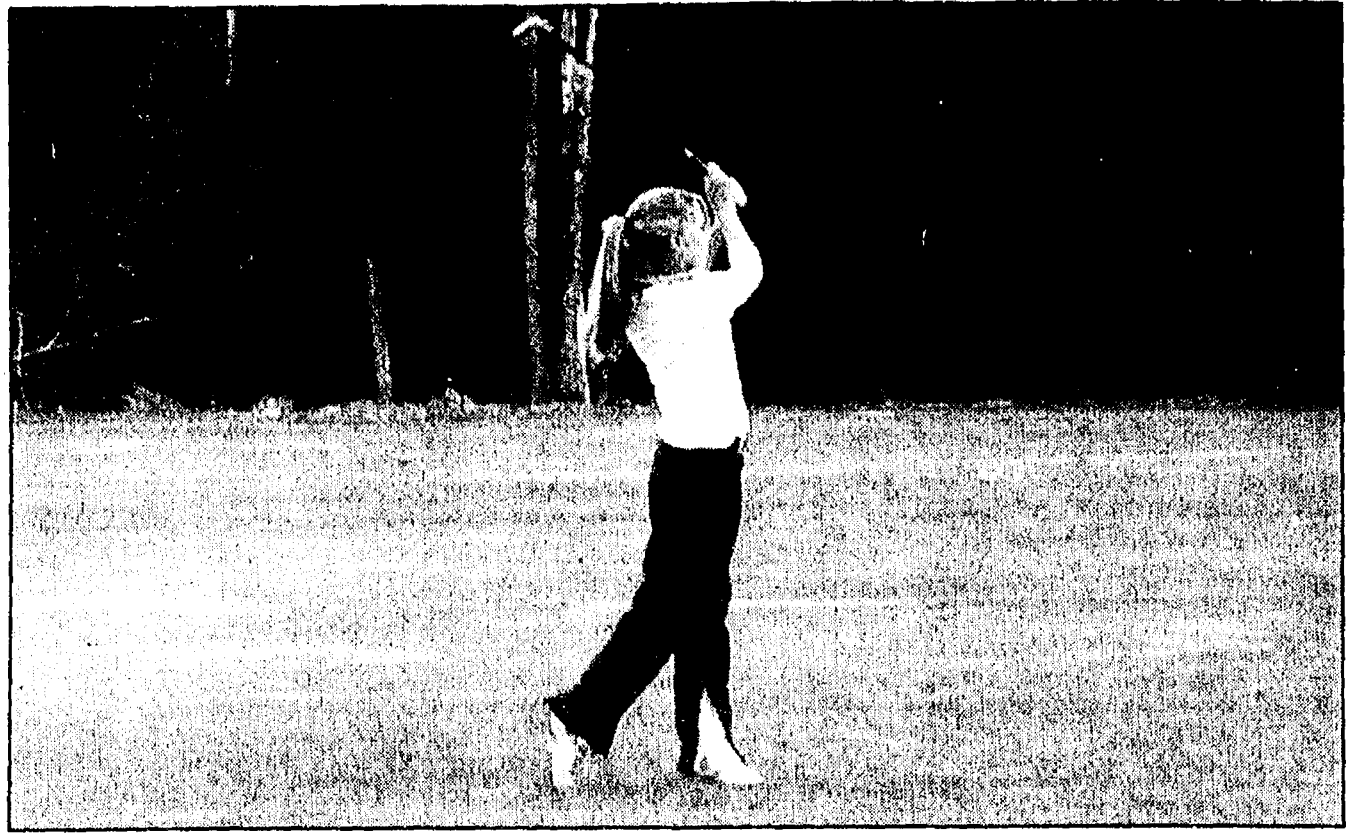
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Jessie Morley hits the ball during a recent meet vs. Big Rapids and Roscommon.

Golf squad wins 8-team Hillman Invitational

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Grayling finished with a team score of 415.

The Vikings opened their 2006 season with victories over Big Rapids, Roscommon, Petoskey, and Traverse City St. Francis in two separate home meets.

On April 20, the Vikings hosted Roscommon and Big Rapids at Grayling Country Club. Final team scores were: Grayling 197, Big Rapids 223, Roscommon 235.

The Vikings were led by Kristi Calkins, who shot a season-low round of 39.

On April 18, Grayling opened its 2006 season with wins over Petoskey and TCSF. Team scores included: Grayling 193, TCSF 213, Petoskey 223.

The Vikings were led by Jessie Morley (44), Wheeler (45), and

Calkins (47).

Grayling will compete in the Petoskey Invitational on Thursday, May 4.



Abby Wheeler chips a ball for the Vikings at Grayling Country Club on April 20.

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Viking of the Week



Girls Golf
Coach: Brian Banda
ABBY WHEELER

Abby led the Vikings last week, winning the Hillman tournament with a 93 and finishing 8th overall at the Alma Invitational.

Track teams compete at East Jordan

Grayling High School's boys and girls track teams competed against three other Lake Michigan Conference squads - East Jordan, Charlevoix, and Kalkaska - at East Jordan last Monday.

The boys team placed third. Final team scores were: Charlevoix, 112; Kalkaska, 67; Grayling, 47; East Jordan, 29.

Placements for the Vikings included:

3200 Meter Relay - 1st, Jeff Bancroft, Moses Peters, Jason Drudge, Reagan Schmidt (8:36.58);

110 Meter Hurdles - 3rd, Nick Parkinson (16.54);

100 Meter Dash - 2nd, Dusty Parens (11.69);

1600 Meter Run - 4th, Drudge (4:46.30); 5th, Peters (4:46.71);

400 Meter Relay - 3rd, Parkinson, Dustin Russo, Isaac VanNuck, Parens (46.98);

400 Meter Dash - 1st, Zac Baker (53.48);

300 Meter Hurdles - 3rd, Schmidt (44.86); 4th, Parkinson (45.30);

200 Meter Dash - 2nd, VanNuck (24.59);

3200 Meter Run - 2nd, Peters

(10:18.71);

1600 Meter Relay - 2nd, Bancroft, Drudge, Baker, Schmidt.

"We're a young team this year, but I'm proud of the way our guys are working. Hopefully we can put some good relay teams together in time for regionals," Coach Tim Sanchez said.

The final team scores in the girls competition were: East Jordan, 98; Charlevoix, 76; Kalkaska, 27; Grayling, 24.

Placements for GHS included:

High Jump - 4th, Rachel Ward (4'8");

Long Jump - 4th, Kayla Hawes (13'7");

100 Meter Hurdles - 3rd, Hailey McMahon (18.72); 4th, Justine Tozer (19.39);

400 Meter Relay - 2nd, McMahon, Hawes, Ward, Martella (56.09);

300 Meter Hurdles - 3rd, Tozer (55.87);

200 Meter Dash - 2nd, McMahon (29.27);

1600 Meter Relay - 3rd, Riddle, Lange, Cordero, Pizzi (4:40.17).

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on May 31, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 32, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, thence South 0 degrees 03 minutes East on Section line, 104 feet for Point of Beginning; thence South 89 degrees 24 minutes East, 164 feet; thence South 0 degrees 03 minutes East, 70 feet; thence North 89 degrees 24 minutes West, 164 feet to Section line; thence North 0 degrees 03 minutes West, 70 feet to Point of Beginning. Being part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 32, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan.

And also, commencing at the Northwest corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 32, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan; thence South 0 degrees 03 minutes East on Section line, 33 feet for Point of Beginning; thence South 89 degrees 24 minutes East, 164 feet; thence South 0 degrees 03 minutes East, 71 feet; thence North 89 degrees 24 minutes West, 164 feet to Section line, thence North 0 degrees 03 minutes West, 71 feet to Point of Beginning. Being part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 32, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 27, 2006
For more information, please call:
FC H 248.593.1300
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #082782F02

Notice Of Mortgage

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE

IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Susan I. Marvel, and Roger Allen Mater, Jr., wife and husband, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated February 13, 2004 and recorded March 11, 2004 in Liber 666, Page 810, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by JPMorgan Chase Bank; as Trustee by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Four Thousand Two Hundred Four and 40/100 Dollars (\$64,204.40) including interest at 7.50% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on MAY 31, 2006.

Said premises are located in the Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The Southerly 6 Rods (99 feet) of the Northwest one quarter of Section 36, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan and the Northerly 6 Rods (99 feet) of the Southwest one quarter of the Northwest one quarter of Section 36, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: April 27, 2006
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 207.4627

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Donna Keene and Debra Keene, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 22, 2000, and recorded on December 1, 2000 in Liber 523 on Page 531, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. as assignee by an assignment, on

which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Sixteen And 69/100 Dollars (\$62,416.69), including interest at 10.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on May 17, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 1, Block 3, Karen Woods Subdivision, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 44, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 13, 2006
For more information, please call:
FC X 248.593.1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #089469F01

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

FILE NO. 05 6886 CK
DUANE C. LAMOTTE and BRENDA L. LAMOTTE, husband and wife, PLAINTIFFS
VS
STEVEN ALLEN DEFYEYTER, a single person, DEFENDANT
David R. Sabin P19822
Attorney for Plaintiff
115 Michigan Avenue
Grayling, Michigan 49738
(989) 348-5588

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS GIVEN that by virtue of a Foreclosure Judgment filed March 6, 2006, directing the sale of the following-described property or so much as may be necessary to raise the amount determined to be due to Plaintiffs, a sale shall be made to the highest bidder at the front door of the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 West Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan. The sale shall be made after the Crawford County Clerk has five public notice of the time and place for said sale as required by Michigan statute and according to the course and practice of this Court. The sale of said property shall be by or under the direction of the Crawford County Sheriff on **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2006 AT 10:00 A.M.**

Parcel 27-N: The Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 27, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, SUBJECT TO a 33 foot easement along the South 33 feet for road and utility purposes as recorded in Liber 182, Pages 591-593, Crawford County Records, Township of Frederic, Crawford

County, Michigan.

Dana M. Anderson, Deputy
Clerk of the Court

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

FILE NO. 06-6993-CH
DANIELLE ARSENEAU
Plaintiff,
vs
DELLA KEENE, and/or the heirs, assigns and devisees of Della Keene
Defendants.

CAREY & JASKOWSKI, P.L.L.C.
By: Richard J. Jaskowski P47123
Attorney for Plaintiff
2373 S. I-75 Business Loop
P.O. Drawer 665
Grayling, MI 49738
(989) 348-5232

ORDER TO ANSWER
At a session of said court held in the City of Grayling
County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on the 21st day of April, 2006,
PRESENT Honorable Dennis F. Murphy
Circuit Court Judge

TO: Della Keene, and/or her heirs, assigns and devisees:

1. An action has been filed against you regarding certain real estate in Crawford County, Michigan.

2. IT IS ORDERED that you shall file your answer with this Court and serve it upon the attorney for the Plaintiff, or take such other action as may be permitted by law, within 28 days of the last publication of this order.

3. Failure to comply with this Order may result in a Judgment by default against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Dated: 4-21-06
Honorable Dennis F. Murphy P31907
Circuit Court Judge

MORTGAGE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Roger A. Moshier and Kary L. Moshier, his wife, to Home Loan and Investment Bank, F.S.B. Mortgagee, dated July 14, 2001 and recorded July 23, 2001 in Liber 543, Page 162, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by U.S. Bank National Association as Trustee of CSFB ABS Trust Series 2002-HE11 by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Seven and 28/100 Dollars (\$50,327.28) including interest at 12.95% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JUNE 7, 2006.

Said premises are located in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The Westerly one-half of Lots 7 and 8 of Block 3 of O.M. Barnes Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, according to the recorded Plat thereof.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Grayling City Council will hold a public hearing to receive public comment concerning a Water and Sewer Benefit Fee Ordinance for the privilege of tapping into any City of Grayling owned and operated water mains or sewage systems. The public hearing will allow residents and property owners in the City of Grayling to make comments regarding the proposed ordinance.

The public hearing will be held on Monday May 08, 2006, at 7:30 pm, in the Council Chambers at Grayling City Hall located at 1020 City Boulevard, Grayling, Michigan.

All interested persons are invited to attend this public hearing. A copy of the Proposed Ordinance can be viewed at the City offices at 1020 City Boulevard during regular business hours Monday - Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Michele Moshier,
City Clerk

Dated: May 4, 2006
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000 File No. 231.4113

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Tracey L. Hubbard, a married woman and Thomas L. Hubbard, husband of Tracey L. Hubbard, signing this mortgage for the sole purpose of subordinating his homestead interest in said property, original mortgagor(s), to Watson Group Financial Corp., a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated February 9, 1996, and recorded on March 12, 1996 in Liber 408 on Page 451, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Bank of America, FSB as assignee by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Five Thousand Sixty-Four And 90/100 Dollars (\$55,064.90), including interest at 7.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on June 7, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 29, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, Frederic Township, Crawford County, Michigan; commencing at the center of said Section 29, thence South 89 degrees 23 minutes West (along the East and West 1/4 line of said Section 29), 387.8 feet, thence South 34 degrees 02 minutes West, 408.25 feet; thence South 17 degrees 05 minutes West, 684.00 feet; thence South 71 degrees 54 minutes West; 525.55 feet; thence North 1 degree 51 minutes 30 seconds West, 33 feet for the point of beginning; thence South 83 degrees 13 minutes West, 131.15 feet, thence North 36 degrees 48 minutes 30 seconds West, 573.0 feet, thence North 53 degrees 11 minutes 30 seconds East, 40 feet, thence North 36 degrees 48 minutes 30 seconds West, 129.4 feet to the left bank of the Manistee River, thence Northeasterly (along said river bank), 160 feet, thence South 36 degrees 11 minutes 15 seconds East, 592.5 feet, thence South 1 degree 51 minutes 30 seconds East, 123.85 feet to the point of beginning. This parcel extends to the water's edge of the Manistee River, Crawford County Record

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: May 4, 2006
For more information, please call:
FC G 248.593.131
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #039810F02

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GRAYLING TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD To Hold Public Hearing

The Grayling Township Zoning Board of Appeals will meet in public session on Monday, May 15, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. at the Grayling Township Hall to consider the following request:

Case No.	06-10
Petitioner	Kirk Norton 1628 W. Territorial Battle Creek, MI 49015
Location	1481 Rivendell Grayling, MI 49738 T26N, R3W, Section 8
Prop. ID#	040-41-008-04-220-00
Parcel Size	1.6 Acres
Zoning	NRD (Natural River District)

Request - To construct a 24' X 30' (720 sq. ft.) storage building with the closest point of construction 21-feet from the rear lot line requiring a variance of 9-feet. All construction is to be 200-feet or more from the river's edge.

Text of zoning request and zoning maps are available for review at the Grayling Township Hall, located at 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, MI 49738, during normal business hours.

Person wishing to, may comment in person at the hearing, or send a signed statement to: Terry Wright, Zoning Administrator; P.O. Box 521; Grayling, MI 49738.

PUBLIC NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

Frederic Township residents be notified the Planning Commission will be holding a public hearing on May 15, 2006, at 7:00 pm in the Frederic Township Hall, located at 7564 C. R. 612, to hear the following case and anything else that comes in front of the board:

2006 Z 500 Owner: Timothy & Stacey Thomas, Petitioner
7762 N. Kolka Creek Road
Frederic Township
Parcel #20-031-026-006-040-00

The Petitioner is requesting to build a 2016 sq ft building to be able to have a show room and repair facility for snowmobiles, off road vehicles, and watercraft located at the above location. The property is located in the recreation forest district.

The planning commission will also hear any concerns that come in front of the board.

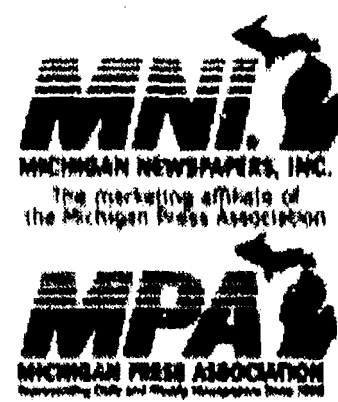
Tentative text and maps can be examined at the Frederic Township office during normal business hours.

Correspondence concerning this request should be directed to Frederic Township Zoning Dept., P.O. Box 78, Frederic, MI 49733 Telephone (989) 348-8778.

Douglas J. Pratt
Frederic Twp
Zoning Administrator

PUBLIC NOTICE

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FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago
May 5, 1983

Mark Gardiner, of Roscommon, brought in the biggest fish in Grayling's first Trout-A-Rama. He caught a 24 inch brown and a 17 inch brook trout.

Some gift specials for Mother's Day from True Value Hardware are a Toastmaster toaster oven for \$29.99, a 5 piece Pyrex sculptured bowl set for \$5.99 and a Norelco 10 cup coffee maker for \$19.99 and a \$5 rebate making the final cost \$14.99.

"Tootsie," starring Dustin Hoffman, is showing this week at the Rialto Theatre.

Howard Lehti, GHS government teacher, has selected three juniors to attend Operation Bentley at Olivet College. Karla Dosch, Wayne Schoonover, and Shawn Lovely will be joining the simulated government operation which helps teach the finer points of local government. Grayling High School has been represented since 1976 at Operation Bentley.

The Produce Place will be opening May 5 at 603 Cedar St. is offering lettuce for 39¢, Idaho potatoes, a 10 lb. bag for 99¢, and strawberries are 99¢ a quart.

Essence of Beauty is offering \$7 off all perms as a Mother's Day special. Essence of Beauty is located at 206 Huron St.

Five Grayling martial artists

traveled to East Jordan for the first Maharlika Kuntaw tournament. Kuntaw is a Phillippine fighting style as in Karate and also combines some of Kung-fu, Judo and Aikido. The five students are Shane Jobson, James Johnston, Jeff Baerlochr and Pete Funck.

Marty Harris, a junior, hit a grand slam against Gaylord in the first inning and then pitched five innings of relief to help the Viking boys baseball team to their first league victory.

The secret to the Vikings success this year will be at the mound, says head coach Fred Wolcott. "The defense looks good, we've got the hitters, so the key to a winning season will be how well we pitch," says Wolcott. He said Grayling will be led by senior Monte D'Amour, the team's leading hitter last year.

Herb Olson, local agency manager for Farm Bureau Insurance Group, has been named one of the company's top agency managers of 1982 for his agency's excellent production and service during the year.

Pat Kucharek, of Grayling, was named CCPT Driver of the Year. Kucharek, a driver for three years has carried more than 26,111 passengers and logged 82,379 miles.

46 Years Ago

May 5, 1960

The east branch of the AuSable proved to be a profitable stream

for veteran fisherman Ben DeLaMaster, who took his limit of brooks on opening day. He had ten fish, five of them were ten inches or better, one 8 1/2 and one 12 1/2 inches.

Sports Car drivers and enthusiasts from Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin are expected in Grayling on May 7-8 for Sport Club Car of America, Drivers school and races.

The San Sheri Grill, located 6 miles north of Grayling on US-27, offers home cooking with fried chicken being the specialty. Edith and Chet Fuller are the owners.

The Grayling Womans Club is hosting the "Follies of 1960", on May 10 and 11 at the Grayling High School gymnasium. There will be 14 big sparkling acts, be sure to see and hear the Rockerettes, Ballet D' Russe, Hawaiian Dancers, Tahitian Dancers, quintet and many novelty acts. Reserved seats are \$1.00 and general admission is 75¢.

The famous Tac-L-Pac fisherman's vest with 14 special pockets is now available at Baringer's Men's Shop, located inside Shoppenagons Inn.

The Pink Lady now has casual slippers for lounging and outdoor wear for \$3.95.

Grayling Pharmacy announces that they now have the dealership of "Sanders" delicious chocolates and confections. They are advertising a 2 lb. box of Sanders chocolates for \$3.20.

69 Years Ago

May 6, 1937

A fire that started in the attic of the home of Charles Barber burned a hole in the roof around the chimney. The fire department was called and it was extinguished.

Roy Boger, the barber assisting in the Beckman barber shop on the south side is moving into the Paul Hendrickson house.

Harry Reynolds and Frank Schmidt were fishing on Goose Creek when Mr. Schmidt had the fortune to catch a Montana Grayling, the first caught here in a long time. It measured 8 inches.

92 Years Ago

May 7, 1914

Glen Smith, a young attorney from Roscommon, is opening a law office in Grayling.

Cedar Street is being decorated with crushed rock.

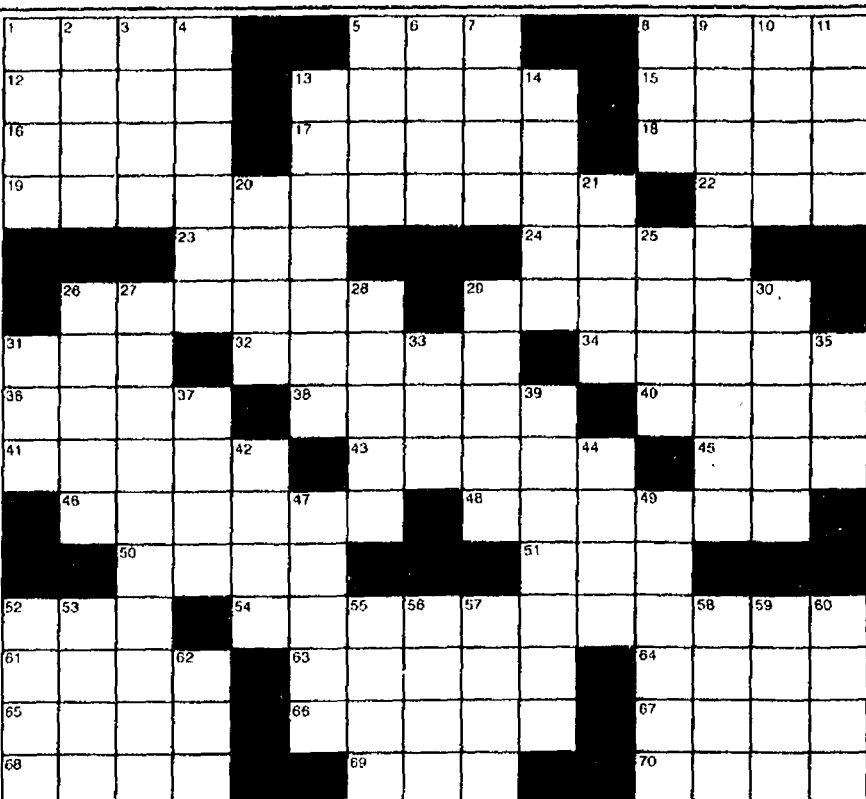
P.J. Moshier returned home last week from Chicago with a carload of young cattle which he purchased for R. Hanson.

F.R. Deckrow has been awarded the contract for building the water system and wells at the military camp.

Alfred Hanson, clerk at the Olaf Sorenson & Sons store will leave for Denmark to visit his parents for a couple of months. He will be accompanied by Aage Roed, who will not return.

A number of nice catches of speckled trout are being reported by our local fisherman, several having come in with the limit of 35.

CROSSWORD



Across

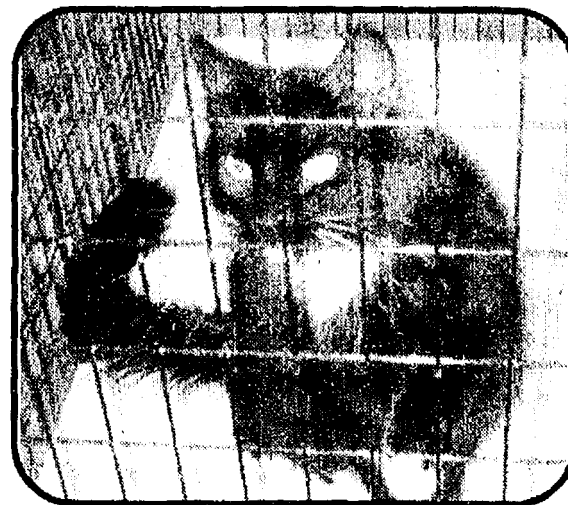
1. Short trips.
5. Block up.
8. Recedes.
12. Toward the sea.
13. Aromatic evergreen tree.
15. Group of turtles.
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17. Similar.
18. Smudge.
19. Very steep.
22. Stover, writer.
23. Entirely.
24. Positive.
26. Californian evergreen tree.
29. Keeps apart.
31. Old horse.
32. Poisonous oxygen.
34. Helped.
36. Highly excited.
38. Dark black.
40. Valley.
41. Oval, edible nut.
43. Place in.
45. Adult female hog.
46. Delay.
48. Down to earth.
50. Computer.
51. Owen, 17th-century Irish Patriot.
52. Canaanite god of death.
54. Worthy of high praise.
61. Boat paddles.
63. Jewellers magnifying glass.
64. Tie up.
65. Buckeye state.
66. Fed beyond capacity.
67. Gain through merit.
68. Enclosed conduit for fluid.
69. Born.
70. Tedious.

Down

1. Incline.
2. Someone who uses.
3. Hawaiian goose.
4. Added zest to.
5. Delicatessen.
6. Horizontal mine entrance.
7. Mackerel shark.
8. Flow back.
9. Trivial nonsense.
10. Low in spirit.
11. Native of Serbia.
13. Accidentally overturn.
14. Use again.
20. Information.
21. Capital of Fiji.
25. Strap for controlling a horse.
26. Acted in violent anger.
27. Self-centered.
28. Batman and.
29. Sound judgment.
30. Sluggard.
31. Short sleep.
33. Negation of a word.
35. Black and gray Eurasian bird.
37. Fence opening.
39. Desired.
42. Narcotics agent.
44. Past tense of tread.
47. Worshipped objects.
49. Yoked in.
52. Overall feeling.
53. Hawaiian island.
55. Pain utterance.
56. Unable to speak.
57. Fencing sword.
58. Wild European swine.
59. Traditional knowledge.
60. Sea eagle.
62. Blockhead.

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

ADOPT A PET



Magic

is a beautiful, athletic girl, about 1-2 years old. She gets along with other cats, is spayed, leukemia tested and fully vaccinated.

Midge

is a smart, alert and unique looking girl, 1-2 years old. She gets along with other dogs, is spayed and fully vaccinated.



The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is a participating member of the Very Best Pet Network.

**The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:
508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling**

Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall

Hours: Open 9 to 3 Monday thru Saturday, 9 to 12 on Sundays and Holidays

After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

For more pets or more information, visit our website www.ascc.petfinder.com

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week

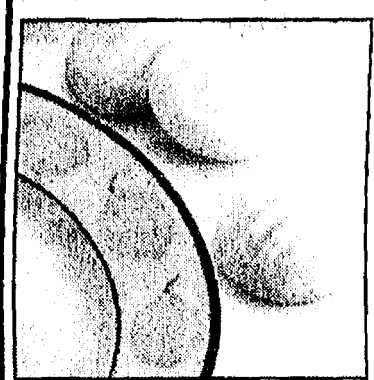
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Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the Weather.com)

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
High 64	High 59	High 55	High 62	High 63	High 69
Low 36	Low 33	Low 31	Low 38	Low 43	Low 44
Partly Cloudy	Scattered Showers	Mostly Sunny	Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Sunny

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



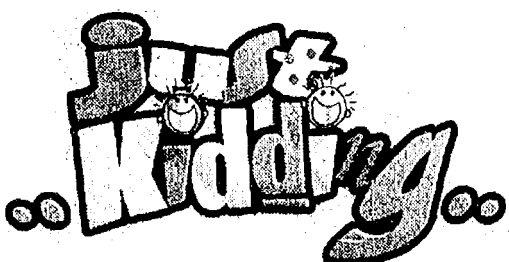
Lemon Shortbread Cookies

- 1 1/3 cups corn starch
- 2 cups butter or margarine
- 2/3 cup powdered sugar

- 1 teaspoon finely shredded lemon peel
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups all-purpose flour

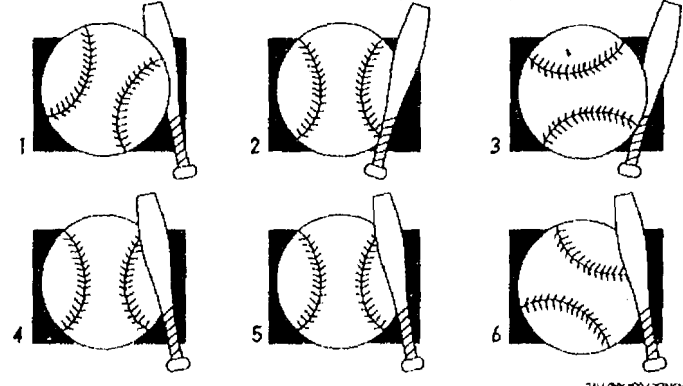
Preheat the oven to 350°F. In a large bowl, beat butter until softened. Add powdered sugar, beat until well combined. Add lemon peel and vanilla; beat well. In a medium bowl, stir together flour and corn starch; add to mixture and beat well. Roll dough into 1-inch balls. Place on ungreased cookie sheets. Press tines of a fork atop each ball to make subtle design. Bake about 15 minutes or until bottoms are lightly browned. Cool on wire racks.

Makes 6 dozen.



FIND THE TWINS

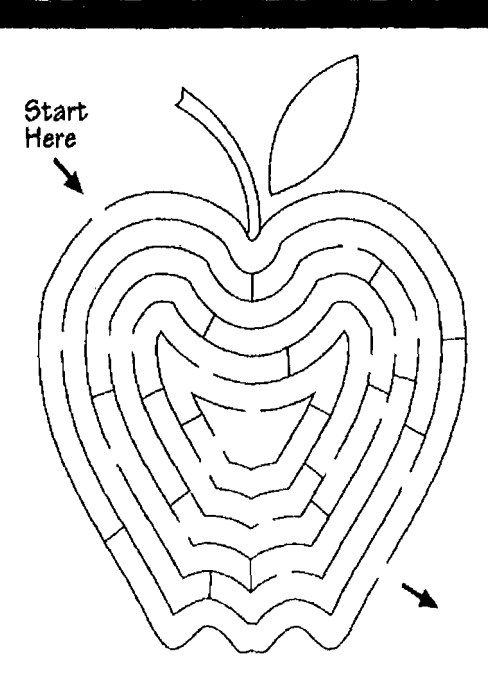
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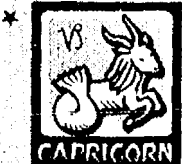
A mayfly has
a life span of
24 hours.

MAZE



HOROSCOPES

For the Week of May 4, 2006



Capricorn

December 22- January 19

Poor Capricorn, you've been burning the candle at both ends far too long now. A pat takes note and will help you find the time for rest and relaxation before you have a meltdown.



Aries

March 21- April 19

An invitation to the social event of the year is music to your ears. Get out your party clothes, Aries, and prepare to have a ball. A misunderstanding at home results in chaos.



Cancer

June 23- July 22

A work project begins to unravel and someone you least expect swoops in to save the day. Show your gratitude in an unusual way. Cancer. A peaceful calm pervades the weekend.



Libra

September 23- October 22

Congratulations, Libra. Opportunities multiply and you prove your worth. Celebrate with friends and family. A situation at home requires you to show who's boss.



Aquarius

January 20- February 18

Pandemonium breaks out at work due to a vicious rumor. Try not to get too absorbed, Aquarius. It is just a rumor after all. Romance heats up at home.



Taurus

April 20- May 20

Your sense of self takes a beating this week, Taurus, but you're resilient and bounce back quickly. The torch at work is passed and you're left guessing as to who's next.



Leo

July 23- August 22

Unbelievable, Leo. A business deal goes off without a hitch and you're the reason behind its success. Glory like you have never seen will be coming your way.



Scorpio

October 23- November 21

Your ability to organize and coordinate is appreciated this week, Scorpio, and you're given the lead on an important project. The latitude at home must be reined in.



Pisces

February 19- March 20

Bon voyage, Pisces. Travel plans get underway and adventures begin. Let go and have some fun. A remarkable find will have you leaping for joy.



Gemini

May 21- June 21

A quest to get more involved in a young friend's life falls through as they reject your invitations. Overlook it, Gemini, and be persistent. They really need your support.



Virgo

August 23- September 22

A financial matter is finally resolved, giving you room to breathe. Share the good news with your loved ones, Virgo, and take them out to celebrate.



Sagittarius

November 22- December 21

Silly Sagittarius, a slip of the tongue causes a major uproar at a family event. Work quickly to repair the damage. Dreams of long ago reappear and inspire you to fulfill a goal.

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1. Real Estate

HOUSE FOR SALE in Frederic, 5256 Old 27 North. 3 bedroom on 1.6 acres. Currently replacing roof and siding. Completed, \$90,000. Land contract available with money down. Call 989-348-4252 days or 989-348-5256 evenings. (-27-4/1)

2. For Rent

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WEEKLY AND MONTHLY house and cottage rentals near Roscommon, Grayling, on Higgins Lake and on Houghton Lake. Higgins North Vacation Rentals. (989) 821-3434. (12/25/03/t/2)

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NEW LISTING

EXCEPTIONAL VIEWS OF THE EAST BRANCH OF THE AUSABLE RIVER. Custom riverfront living, secluded, 3,387 s.f. plus game room above garage. Open staircase, central vacuum, office with built in desk and bookcases. Large quality kitchen with tile countertops and JennAir range. 20 x 30 master suite with whirlpool, sauna and bidet. Three car garage, staircase to game room, circular blacktop drive and storage building. CH-2320 \$375,000

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LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION Charming home, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath. Newly remodeled with new roof, carpet, congregate, drywall, complete new bathroom with tub/shower combination. Large laundry room with folding counter, large living room, nice back yard with campfire pit, covered front porch, deck in back, copper window flower boxes, new landscaping in front yard. Turn key. Immediate Occupancy. CS-2131 \$92,500

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20 Acres of Beautiful Mature Pines and Hardwoods in Maple Forest. Located on Peterson, a County Maintained Road. State Land is right across the street. Build or play on this gorgeous rolling parcel. #5673 \$70,000

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NEW LISTING

Custom built home on the Manistee River. Two bedrooms with bath on the upper level and full walkout basement with 2 bedrooms and 1 1/2 baths. Attached garage with workshop. Pond stocked with fish. Priced to sell at only \$188,000 #5573

NEW LISTING

3 Bedroom, 1 bath home with full basement, paved drive, fenced yard, and a 26 x 28 garage. The location is fantastic, in the city limits, walking distance to the hospital, schools and shopping. \$78,000 #5664

NEW LISTING

Great up North Get-Away! Two story log cabin with knotty pine interior and 20 x 24 garage, located just minutes from the famed AuSable River and from Wakeley Lake. Enjoy the solitude of Northern Michigan in this affordable vacation home. \$38,900 #5672

NEW LISTING

3 Bedroom, 2 bath home has a fantastic location just out of town, featuring a nicely wooded lot and an attached 2 car garage. This home is priced to sell quick at \$64,500 #5659

REDUCED

Log home, could be finished to your liking. 38 x 10 garage, horse corals, very nice mobile home with shingled roof and addition, 6 beautiful wooded acres 12 x 16 garage, privacy fence. A great piece of secluded property close to Frederic. \$99,900 #5637

COMMERCIAL

Very nice duplex built in 1994, both units are very nice and approximately 1200 sq. ft. each with single stall garages, hot water heat, washer and dryer. There is a 30 x 40 pole barn with 10 foot walls on the property in the rear also. \$179,900 #5677

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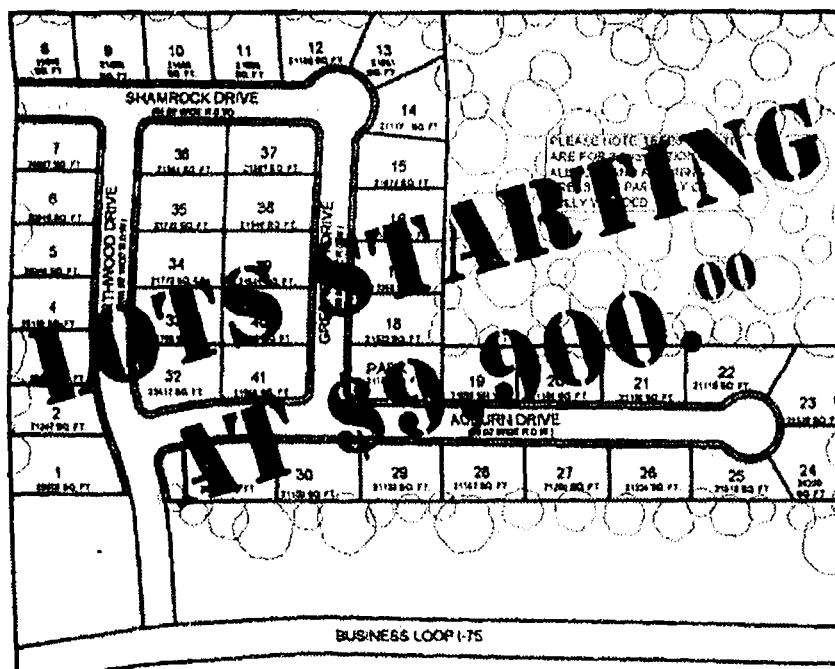
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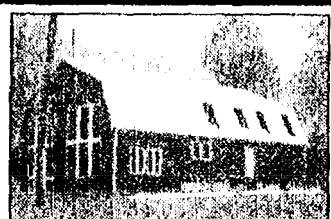
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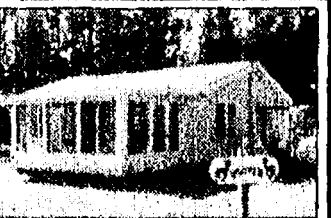
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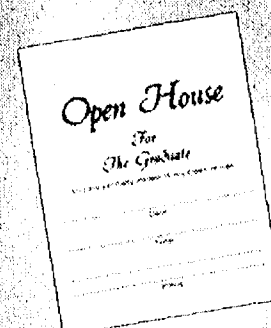
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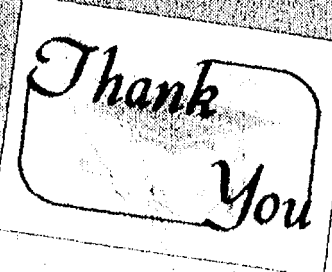
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8. Announcements

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9. Personals

Scott,
Thanks for a great 20 years.
Looking forward to many more!!
Happy Anniversary,
Mrs. B



Bonnie & Betty Allen celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary May 4, 2006. They were married May 4, 1946 in Grayling, MI, after Bonnie returned from serving in the Navy during WWII. Bonnie & Betty have been blessed with two children, Rick (Laura) of Holt, MI and Sherry (Greg) Burke of Charlotte, MI, four grandchildren & four great-grandchildren. The anniversary was celebrated with family & friends.

7. Miscellaneous

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8. Announcements

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UNIT E20 Rented to Yvonne Fox containing Toys, Records, VCR Tapes, Craft Items, Knick Knacks, Kitchen Items.

UNIT F15 Rented to Diane Hendershot contains Furniture, Clothing, Sporting Goods, Bed, Kitchen Items, Toys, TV.

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UNIT B12 Rented to William Fisher contains Chairs, Weights, Toys, Bike, Dressers, Clothing, Holiday Decorations.

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7. Miscellaneous

Crossword Answers

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7. Miscellaneous

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8. Announcements

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GIDDY UP HORSE CAMP at Hawk Hill Farm. Dates: June 13,14,15. June 20,21,22. July 11,12,13. July 18,19,20. August 15,16,17. August 22,23,24. Call Geri at 989-915-1193 or 348-9233. (-27-4/8)

VIETNAM ERA VETS we need you to march in the Milltown Parade. If you can get into your old uniform, that's a plus! Call Lloyd, 348-9752. (-27-4/8)

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FRIENDS FOR MIRACLES Golf Scramble, Hawk Ridge, Saturday, May 20. To register call 989-275-2000. (-27-4-11/8)

8. Announcements

DISCLAIMER As of 3/4/06, I, Lewis S. Johnson, will no longer be held responsible for any debts accrued by Lawanda Johnson. (-4/8)

HELP!! Grayling High School graduating class of 1976 is trying to locate the following people: Brian Starks, Daryl Simmons, Jeff Schlaak, Tom Wakeley, Ken Sheldon, Bill Nelson, Herman Miller, Paula Hunter, Bill Anderson, Penny Brown, Jackie Dawson, Bridgett Fairbotham, Mike Hamilton, Nancy Holcombe, Dave Jochims, Tom Jordan, David Kolb, Dawn Kolka, Teal Wooley, Jim Lozon, Diane Meoke, Denise Nardin, Delbert Nelson, Brenda Byce, Steve Clark, Tom Cockroft, Scott Coe, Beth Moody, John Rolfe, Dorothy Weiman, Tom Wright and Jackie Kaiser. If anyone has information that would be helpful in locating addresses for these people, please call Jody Hinkle at 348-5192. (-27-4/8)

GHS PLAYERS PRESENTS The Sound of Music on May 11, 12 & 13 at the Joseph Stripe Auditorium. Tickets are now on sale at Davis Jewelers. (-4/8)

8. Announcements

TEFP FOOD will be distributed on May 9, at the American Legion, from 9 to noon. (-4/8)

MAY CLASS SCHEDULES for Fabrics and More are ready to be picked up, with knitting, crocheting, and punch needle classes starting the week of May 8. New spring fabrics are arriving daily, and we also carry a line of Zip-It purses. Located next to Rochettes IGA. (989) 344-0986. (-4/8)

10. Garage Sales

FRIDAY MAY 5, 9 - 2 As Wee Grow Child Care, M-72. Little Tikes toys, books, wooden puzzles, games, arts and craft supplies, child cribs, high chairs, bounce chairs, tables, children's chairs. Washer, dryer, refrigerator, freezer, vacuum, carpet scrubber, fax machine, telephones. Wooden bookshelf, assorted metal storage units, kitchen supplies, pictures, wall hangings, seasonal decorations, outdoor lawn decorations. (-4/10)

MAY 19 & 20 Rummage sale, Mt. Hope Lutheran Church on North Business I-75, Grayling. (-4-11sgf/10)

10. Garage Sales

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11. Automotive

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